

## FACING AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE, DR. TERRY SAMUELS IS AT PEACE

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



Dr. Terry Samuels (on the right) faces an uncertain future after having lumbar L5-S1 spinal fusion surgery with a cage performed last July. Photo by Annette VanDeCar.

A motorcycle accident Medical Director Dr. Terry Samuels suffered 25 years ago has altered the course of his life.

Samuels never sought medical treatment after the accident, and he endured what he called "tolerable" pain on and off as a result of it. Unknown at the time, he broke his spine.

"Prior to the accident, I had no back pain," said Samuels, a 52-year-old LTBB Tribal Citizen. "I've had back pain ever since the accident, but it was manageable. I took Ibuprofen for it, and I was fine. Apparently, I have a very high tolerance for pain."

In June 2006, Samuels collapsed after one of his legs became

numb and one foot became partially paralyzed. He saw a doctor who ordered a MRI (magnetic resonance imaging). Magnetic resonance imaging is the use of nuclear magnetic spectrometer to produce electronic images of specific atoms and molecular structures in solids, especially human cells, tissues and organs. The MRI revealed two completely crushed or herniated disks pressing on the nerves going down his legs.

"The doctors were surprised I was even walking, and they said it was likely I would need surgery," Samuels said. "I knew it was serious, but I elected to try conservative measures because it was a 25-year-old injury."

Samuels received an epidural injection, but it lasted only nine days. He said it typically lasts six weeks. At that point, his MRI images were sent to Dr. Paul Park, a University of Michigan neurosurgeon and a former medical school classmate of Samuel's.

"He strongly urged me to take the next flight to Ann Arbor (where the University of Michigan Hospitals is located in Michigan) because I was at risk for paralysis from the waist down," Samuels said. "He urged me to immediately have surgery and felt the minimally invasive approach provided the best opportunity for a timely recovery."

On July 6, 2006, Dr. Park performed lumbar L5-S1 spinal fusion surgery with a cage on Samuels. Here is how Samuels described the surgery: First, a disk was removed between L5 and S1 vertebrae; second, holes were drilled for the nerves to exit; third, two titanium rods with long screws were inserted to hold his spine in place; and finally, a round cage was placed where the disk was. Minimally invasive spinal fusion is a relatively new procedure.

"Successful fusion requires two vertebrae fusing to become one," Samuels said. "Bone fragments and medicines were put in the cage to stimulate bone growth."

"All procedures involve risks. However, I was confident in the skills of Dr. Park."

Samuels still experiences pain, but he stopped taking pain medi-

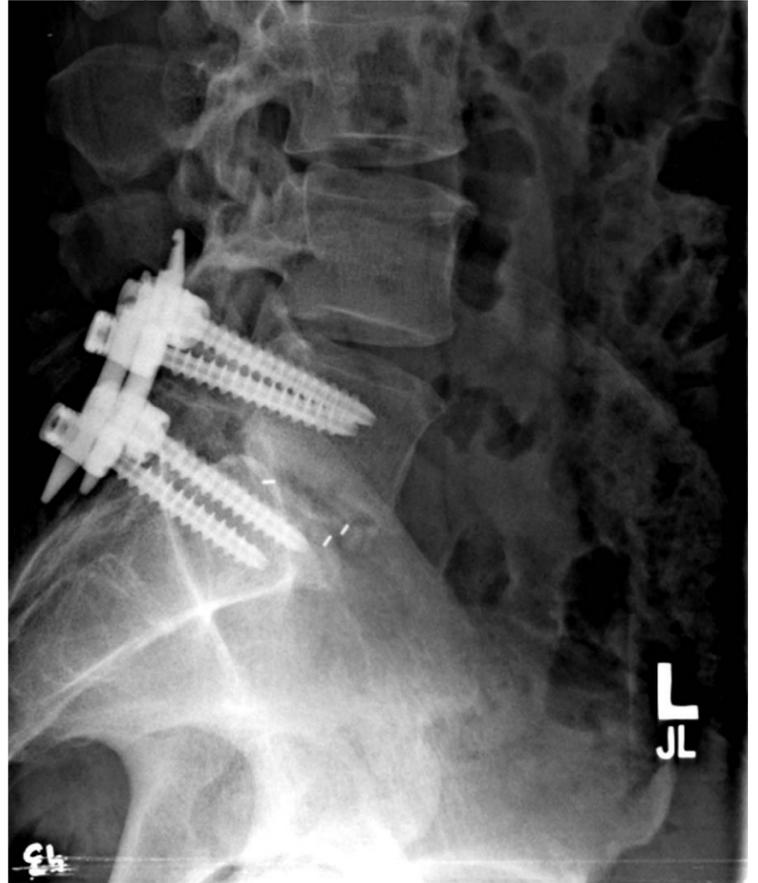
cine two weeks after having surgery.

"Physical therapy has helped tremendously," Samuels said.

Samuels returned to work at the LTBB Health Clinic in early October 2006, first working part-time for five weeks and then working full-time. His future at the health clinic hinges on his recovery and healing process which typically takes 6-12 months.

"If the procedure is successful, I will only have some residual paralysis in my left foot," Samuels said. "If it is not successful, I will be looking at an uncertain future that would include repeat surgeries. How many surgeries I would need depends on

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## LTBB AWARDED \$20,000 NATIONAL ENDOWMENT OF THE ARTS BIG READ GRANT

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



(L to R) Education Director Melissa Claramunt, Librarian Francine Thuston, Grant Writer Heidi Yaple and Vice Chairman Bill Denemy, Sr. Photo by Annette VanDeCar.

On October 31, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) announced the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians was one

of 72 communities selected nationwide to receive a \$20,000 grant for the Big Read initiative.

LTBB was the only Indian tribe

selected, and one of only three communities selected in the state of Michigan. LTBB and the Greater Community Big Read Project 2007 will run from January to June. Education Director Melissa Claramunt is the Project Director.

The Big Read is an initiative of the NEA designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. The NEA presents the Big Read in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest. The Big Read brings together partners across the country to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment. Ten communities participated in the initial Big Read initiative in 2006.

*Reading at Risk: A Survey of Literacy Reading in America*, a 2004 report by the NEA, found not only is literary reading in America

declining rapidly among all groups, but the rate of decline has accelerated, especially among the young. The Big Read aims to address this crisis squarely and effectively. It will provide citizens with the opportunity to read and discuss a single book with their communities.

Communities choose from the following books: *A Farewell to Arms*, *Fahrenheit 451*, *My Antonia*, *the Grapes of Wrath*, *the Great Gatsby*, *the Joy Luck Club*, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, and *To Kill a Mockingbird*. LTBB chose *To Kill a Mockingbird* because of its socioeconomic, racial and inter-generational issues.

Programming is expected to run from April to June. There are several types of activities being considered by the planning committee.

The project is intended to reach the tribal and non-tribal communities in the northern Michigan area as well as people of all ages. Copies of *To Kill a Mockingbird* in various forms will be distributed throughout the northern Michigan area free of charge.

In addition to the grant, NEA has created a package of educational and supportive materials for each community's use during the Big Read. Educational materials include a 16-page Reader's Guide to help guide book discussions, a 28-minute CD Audio Guide formatted for classroom or individual use to provide additional information on each book, a 28-page Teacher's Guide featuring key information for teachers, and an 100-page Organizational Guide

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### TAX AGREEMENT INFORMATION

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

The Department of Commerce would like to remind the membership about a few items pertaining to the Tax Agreement. First of all, I cannot express how important it is to keep your address updated.

The first step in becoming a Resident Tribal Member (RTM) is to officially change your address with the Enrollment Department located in the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. This must be done in writing.

Being an RTM will allow you to purchase large items such as vehicles, boats, motorcycles and off the road vehicles tax exempt. There is a form that needs to be filled out, Tribal Form 3996, which is available at our office located at 1345 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey, MI; and for those RTM's with Internet access, on the State of Michigan website noted at the end of this article. These are mailed out on a quarterly basis to the State of Michigan during the first week of January, April, July and October. Being an RTM will also allow you to be tax exempt on utility bills such as phone, cable, gas, propane, electricity, satellite, and cellular service. If you have not filled out a **Utility Provider Survey**, please contact our office and we will be happy to get one to you. These are available on LTBB's P-Drive, so any Tribal Government Employee can print one for you.

Another important thing to remember is if you do move into the Tax Agreement Area, your RTM status does NOT take effect until the first day of the following month. **Example:** I moved to Petoskey, MI, which is in the Tax Agreement Area, on September 5, 2006. My RTM status began October 1, 2006. All updates are sent to the State of Michigan as close to the end of the month as possible. If you plan to purchase a vehicle or remodel, please wait until after the first of the following month in which you moved. Otherwise, your refund will be denied by the State.

The LTBB Tax Agreement is viewable on the State of Michigan's website at: [http://www.michigan.gov/treasury/0,1607,7-121-1748\\_23287--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/treasury/0,1607,7-121-1748_23287--,00.html)

If you have any other questions pertaining to the Tax Agreement, I may be reached at my office at 231-242-1584 or at [tkeshick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:tkeshick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

The Tax Agreement Area map appears courtesy of GIS Director Alan Proctor.

### Department of Commerce

#### Resident Tribal Member Tax Information

Cross Village (all)	Bear Creek (all)
Readmond (all)	Resort (partial)
Friendship (all)	Bay (partial)
West Traverse (all)	Hayes (partial)
Little Traverse (all)	
City of Harbor Springs (all)	
City of Petoskey (all)	
City of Charlevoix (only NORTH of the bridge)	

Resident Tribal Members are exempted from the following Michigan taxes:

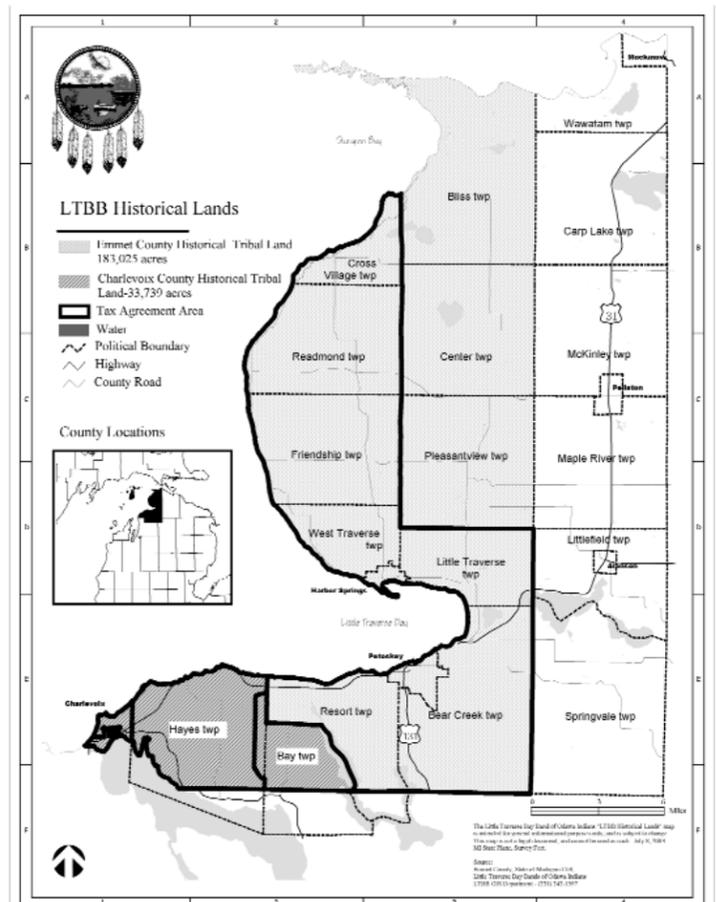
1. Sales Tax (6% of retail price)
2. Use Tax (6% of purchase price)
3. Income Tax (4% of Adjusted Gross Income)
4. Single Business Tax (1.9 % of the applicable tax base)
5. \*Motor Fuel Tax (32 cents per gallon unleaded and 28 cents per gallon on diesel)
6. \*Tobacco Product Tax (\$2 per pack of cigarettes)

\* All LTBB Tribal Members are entitled to the exemption on fuel and tobacco.

- The Motor Fuel and Tobacco Product Tax exemption is available at Biindigen (Tribal convenience store) located at 2169 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey, MI.
- The Motor Fuel Tax exemption is also available at the BP station on the south side of Petoskey, MI, near the Big Boy restaurant.

**Please note: Exemption for tobacco and fuel is for LTBB Tribal Members' sole consumption ONLY!**

**IMPORTANT REMINDER: TRIBAL MEMBERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE THEIR TRIBAL ID SWIPE CARDS FOR PURCHASES OF NON-MEMBERS NOR ARE THEY ALLOWED TO LEND THE SWIPE CARD OUT TO ANYONE.**



**Effective January 1, the cost of Little Traverse Bay Bands' Inland Hunting and Fishing Licenses go from \$3 to \$5.**

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### IMPORTANT FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICE

I.H.S. - CHS coverage is not automatic. You must be registered with CHS. Should you have an emergency situation requiring you to obtain care at a non- I.H.S. facility such as urgent care or the emergency room, you must notify the CHS office at 231-242-1600 within 72 hours of that visit. If you fail to do so, you will be held responsible for the bill.

Contract Health before a reference number can be given.

**Alternate Resources:**  
Contract Health Service is the payer of last resort. When a patient has Medicare, Medicaid, Veterans Assistance, Workman's compensation, private insurance or any other coverage, it is considered the primary carrier.

**Remember!!!!**  
Indian Health Service Contract Health is not an entitlement program - not everyone is eligible. Know your status before obtaining services.

**Priority system:**  
Medical referrals are approved for payment by a priority system.

**Referrals:**  
Physicians write referrals when patients need medical care that is not available in the Tribal Clinic. A referral is not an implication the care will be paid by CHS. A patient must meet eligibility criteria, medical priorities and use all alternate resources available.

The system has highest priority to approve conditions related to life saving or potential death threatening situations, then we approve by severity of condition.

The amount of funding we receive for CHS services is limited. When we run out of money toward the end of the year, then we have to be very strict on referral approvals and may only have the funds to pay for emergency conditions.

If a referral is denied for CHS payment, the patient may elect to obtain medical services at his or her own expense. In most cases, an approved referral is limited to one medical appointment. Please call Contract Health Services at 231-242-1600 prior to any follow-up appointments for approval to make sure your coverage is still in effect.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- You must reside in the Contract Health Service Delivery Area (CHSDA).
- Be an enrolled member or descendant of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians or be able to prove social or economic ties to the community.
- A Native American claiming eligibility for CHS has the responsibility to furnish the tribal program with documentation to substantiate the claim.
- You must have an active and complete file with

## ELDERS PROGRAM

### Elder Birthdays

**January 1**  
Janice Beckhorn  
John Deckrow, Sr.  
Leslie Flint

**January 2**  
Margaret Ortner

**January 3**  
Patricia Kaat

**January 4**  
Leon Bailey, Jr.  
Nancy Honeysette  
Verna Jeanotte

**January 5**  
David Adams  
Monica Baker  
Jay Harrington  
Betty Hoffman  
Lawrence Petoskey  
John Shonibin, Jr.

**January 6**  
Marie Bowers

**January 7**  
Jane Martell

**January 8**  
Rosemary Knapp  
James Smith  
Christine Thomas

**January 9**  
Rosalie Parsons  
Virginia Von der Lippe

**January 10**  
Steven Melancon, Jr.

**January 11**  
Clara Roussain

**January 12**  
David DeMoines  
Nivia Paul

**January 14**  
Sophie Conlin  
Penelope Griffin

**January 15**  
David Vincent  
Curtis Willis

**January 16**  
Patricia Alsip  
Andrea Cagle  
Judy Field

**January 17**  
Carole Prior

**January 18**  
Mary Rittase

**January 19**  
Rosanna Givens

**January 20**  
Clifford Cutler

**January 21**  
Christine Merrill

**January 22**  
Robert Kiogima  
Andrew Lasley

**January 23**  
John Chisholm, Sr.  
Marilyn McDonald

Adeline Noack  
Carolyn Taglauer

**January 24**  
Richard Gould

**January 25**  
June Carey  
Glenna Kimball

**January 26**  
Joseph Dayson Jr.  
Ronald Mulholland

**January 27**  
Edward Burch  
Diane Curtiss  
Dee Dee Gasco  
Jesse King  
Theodore Sky-Eagle, Sr.

**January 28**  
Richard Petoskey  
Catherine Ross  
Richard Wilburn

**January 29**  
Catherine Schwiderson  
Rita Shananaquet  
Samuel Shananaquet  
Cecil Taylor

**January 30**  
Donna Shlechter  
Mary Steffes

**January 31**  
Shirley Dunkley  
Ruth Eagleman  
Jennie Heeres  
Ann McClellan

### Are You Interested in Working for the LTBB Government?

If you would like to be included in the LTBB Human Resources database, please send resumé and cover letter to:

mcolby@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov  
(send as Microsoft Word or as a PDF)

or LTBB Human Resources  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740



(IMPORTANT: We need an e-mail address to notify you when a position that meets your interests becomes available.)

Please check our website, www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, for current openings or call our toll free job hotline at 1-866-582-2562. Job postings are updated every Friday.

### Housing Department Programs

Services are available to citizens residing within the 27 county service area.

For more details on the service area, please refer to the map on page 14.

**Short Term Rental Assistance:** This program offers up to \$1,500 for new tenants who need assistance with the first month's rent and/or security deposit. This can be used **One Time Only** and the rent requested must be affordable and may not exceed 30% of the household's monthly income.

**Home Improvement Program:** This program offers up to \$2,500 for non-cosmetic home repairs and may be utilized once every five years.

**Down Payment Assistance:** This program offers up to \$5,000 or 10% of your mortgage (whichever is less) and **Can Be Used to Purchase or Re-finance a Home.**

**Foreclosure Prevention Program:** This program offers up to \$3,000 to assist in foreclosure prevention.

**Well & Septic Assistance Program:** Funded by the Indian Health Services located in Sault St. Marie, MI; this program provides the resources and technical assistance associated with the installation on a new well and sanitation service or replacement of deficient existing well/septic.

**Credit Counseling:** Our counseling provides tribal citizens the knowledge it takes to gain financial stability and credibility.

**Transitional Housing Program:** This program is designed to assist families, for a limited time, until permanent housing can be found. **(Limited Availability).** Please submit a Letter of Interest and your name will be placed on our Waiting List.

**Elders Housing Development:** Wah-Wahs-Noo Da Ke Elder Housing Development consists of 12 units and is designed to meet the needs of very low to moderate income level elderly tribal citizens, age 55 and older. Please complete application and your name will be placed on our Waiting List.

### Unit Vacancies

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians HOUSING DEPARTMENT has Unit Vacancies and are accepting applications for the following areas:

Peshawbestown-Three Bedroom units  
Benzonia-Three Bedroom units  
East Jordan-(Charlevoix) Two and three Bedroom units

**MUST BE A MEMBER OF A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBE**

Stop by the GTB Housing Department, and we would be glad to help you fill out an application. We can also mail or fax you one. Contact GTB HOUSING at 231-534-7800 or contact Occupancy Specialist Sandy Bennett at 231-534-7802 for further information.

**MUST BE INCOME QUALIFIED and you must provide a DRIVER'S LICENSE, SOCIAL SECURITY CARD, PICTURE TRIBAL I.D. & INCOME.**

**FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18, you must provide birth certificates, Social Security cards and Tribal I.D.**

### TEMPORARY HELP WANTED

WOULD YOU LIKE TO:

Gain experience?

Work in an office?

Make a little extra money?

Work in the tribal community?

Are you a tribal citizen?

**TEMPORARY POSITIONS**

**NOW AVAILABLE!**

WORK AS LITTLE AS ONE DAY OR AS LONG AS A MONTH!!!  
CONTACT THE LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BAND OF ODAWA INDIANS' HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT TODAY!

**CALL: 231-242-1558**

### FOUR DIRECTIONS

#### DISTRIBUTION

On December 6 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, copies of the film "Four Directions" arrived. The distribution of the complimentary DVDs to each tribal citizen was overseen by the Tribal Chairman's Office. The film premiered to tribal citizens during the 12th Annual Sovereignty Day Celebration on September 23. Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



# Anishinaabemowin Community



Wednesdays  
5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Mshkikigamik  
(LTBB Health Building)  
1080 Hager Drive, Petoskey, MI  
(just behind Victories Casino)  
Everyone Welcome, Drop In

For more information, contact the Language Program at  
231-242-1454, 231-242-1456, 1-888-309-5822  
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## LANGUAGE PROGRAM



Giizisak  
(Moons - Months)



Mnido Giizis	Mkwa Giizis	Naabdin Giizis	Bopogimenh Giizis	Ziisbaakdaki Giizis	Nmebine Giizis	Waabgonii Giizis
Spirit Moon	Bear Moon	Snowcrust Moon	Broken Snowshoe Moon	Sugar Moon	Sucker Moon	Blossom Moon
January	February	March	13th Moon Falls ~ Here	April	May	June

Miin Giizis	Mnoomin Giizis	Waabagaa Giizis	Bnaakwii Giizis	Baashkaakodin Giizis	Mnido Giizisoonhs
Berry Moon	Rice Moon	Autumn Moon	Falling Leaves Moon	Snowcrust Moon	Little Spirit Moon
July	August	September	October	November	December



## Anishinaabemowin Language Immersion Course Winter Semester 2007

Hear our beautiful language in a comfortable setting. Listen, Listen, Listen to the speakers as they tell stories and put on skits. With the hearing and listening, comes more and more understanding through this natural method of learning.

Designed for All Levels

Beginners through Fluent Learners Will Benefit  
No reading, No writing, No Books, No Homework, No Anxiety

Accredited courses offered by  
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians through  
Bay Mills Community College  
Nishnaabemwin Pane Immersion Program

**Class Location:** LTBB Mskiki Gumik Health Park  
1080 Hager Drive, PETOSKEY, MI  
(located behind Victories Casino off Lears Road)

**Basic Immersion: Six Credits**  
**Mondays & Thursdays, 3:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.**  
**January 11 - May 7**

**Listening Comprehension: Eight Credits**  
Five Weekends; tentative weekend dates of  
January 19, February 2, February 16, March 9 & April 27.

TIMES:

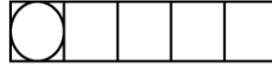
Fridays 1 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
(dinner provided), Saturdays 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. (lunch & dinner provided), Sundays 8 a.m. - Noon

**LTBB Anishinaabemowin Language Program**  
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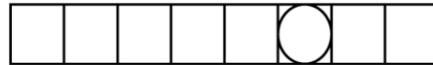
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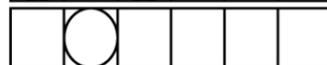
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**BONUS**

**A R O O R V T O O**



## RECALLING A NEW YEAR'S TRADITION

By Isabelle Osawamick, Lead Anishnaabemowin Language Instructor

Aanii! Mno Nimkoodaadin!

Miisa zhaazhigo miinwa ngodigigwaboongak. Aapiji gi-wewiipptaamgad. Mii maanda pii zhaazhigo kina gwaya gaapaan-imkaaget. Gichi-zhaazhigo gwa bimaadzijik giipaanimkaagewok ngoname-giizhigak. Binoojiinhak miinwa eshkiniigjik giibshigen-daanaa'aa maanda pii. Gi-ipaazhaawok kina wiigwaamiing paaboozhookewaad. Mshiiiminan maage ezaamingaanh'in giimji-gaazawok pii paanimkaakewaad. Miigweta giibiindigewaad, giizhk-injiingewaad, giinimkaagewaad, giidebinaamwaad gego, miidash miinwa giinimajaa'aad. Epiidsijik gweta gnezh gaanbwaachwejik.

Pii giiniibaanaamaang kina gwa enchiyiing giikchiwiisinimi. Midash aabdeg nangwa wiigitowiing noonj bangii wiiwiisini'ing giishpin wiimnomaadzii'ing. Aapiji gwa

znagad. Miinwa pii nimkoodaading mii maanda pii bimaadzijik wiigitowaad wiiboontowaad gego enishishnok. Miinwa baatiinwok maanda pii emajtaajik gego. Kina gwaya minendam maajtaad zhichiged gego enishiing.

Aanin bimaadzijik maawnjdi-wok jiiwbwaa aaptaadibikak. Zhaazhigo baatiinwok emamwi wisinijik maanda pii. Kina gwaya mnendaagwazi. Noonj zhichigewok bimaadzijik maanda pii wiinsaakanimwaad nimkoodaading.

**Translation**

Hello! Happy New Year!

Another year has passed. It went by really fast. This is when everybody used to wish each other Happy New Year. Long ago, people used to go "Happy New Yearing" for a week. Children and youth enjoyed this time. They went to all the houses saying "Hi" to

everybody. They were treated with apples or oranges when wishing Happy New Year. They just went in, shook hands, said their "Happy New Year," got something and then, they left again. Adults were the only ones who visited for a long time.

During Christmas, all of us ate a lot. Now, we have to try to eat a little if we are to have a healthy life. It is hard. When it is New Year's, this is also when people try to quit things that are not good. There are also many who start things. Everybody feels good when they start doing good things.

Some people get together before midnight. There are already lots of people who eat together by this time. Everybody has fun. People do different things to open the New Year.

## 2008 Elders Calendar

### Original Pictures of Veterans in Uniform Wanted

The Elders Association is making a Veterans Calendar for 2008. The calendar will include all veterans and any elder veterans not included in the 2007 calendar. If you are interested in submitting a picture, please send it with the following information: **Name, Dates of Service, Branch of Service and Return Address.** Deadline for accepting pictures is May 18.

Send to: Elders Association  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

For more information, call 231-242-1610.

The Elders Program is in the process of making travel arrangements for the 2007 Critical Issues Conference. The dates for the Critical Issues Conference are **March 1 - March 3**. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Tina Sutton at 231-242-1423, so your name may be put on the list. **The Elders Program is limited to the number of participants we may take. The selection process is on a first-come, first-serve basis, so it is important to call as soon as possible.**

Miigwetch! - The Elders Program

## ATTENTION ALL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS

### NATIVE AMERICAN GIRLS FIRST ANNUAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

**PRIZES** AGES 13-18 YEARS OLD  
**ENTRY FEE: \$ 100**

SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL GYMNASIUM  
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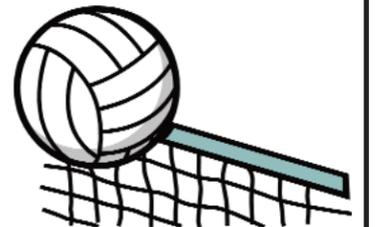
FEBRUARY 10, GAMES START AT NOON.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT DEPENDS ON HOW MANY TEAMS REGISTER FOR THE EVENT.

TEAM ROSTERS MUST BE FAXED TO 989-775-4093 OR MAILED BY 5 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 5

**IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL KEVIN RICKETTS AT 989-775-4093. THIS IS A MICHIGAN UNITED TRIBAL YOUTH EVENT.**

For girls 13-18 wishing to play on a LTBB Team at the Native American Girls First Annual Volleyball Tournament on February 10 in Mt. Pleasant, MI, practices are January 9, January 16, January 23, January 30 and February 6 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey, MI. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Cathy Gibson at 231-242-1601.



COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

BREAKING NEWS FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

The Communications Department has some exciting news to share with the LTBB Tribal Community.

Starting with the February issue of *Odawa Trails*, our monthly newsletter will be printed and mailed locally by the *Petoskey News-Review* in Petoskey, MI.

I believe the *Petoskey News-Review* is a good fit because we will be putting money back into the local economy; the *News-Review* has high quality reproduction; it is more cost effective; and we will have significantly more color pages.

Because of the switch, our deadline for submissions will be a week sooner than in the past because the newsletter must be sent to the *News-Review* a week sooner. Instead of the deadline being the first Monday of every month, it will be the last Monday of every month. This means you will receive your *Odawa Trails* a week sooner.

We will also be welcoming a new employee to our department.

Starting January 8, Sara Wilson will join the department as a Communications Assistant joining myself and Communications Assistant Aaron Wayne Otto, a LTBB Tribal Citizen.

Since starting as the Communications Coordinator in May, Otto has been largely responsible for making *Odawa Trails* more visually appealing, for designing a new masthead for the newsletter, for designing visually appealing graphics and ads, and for ensuring the newsletter gets to the tribe's website every month. You can view *Odawa Trails* on the tribe's website, [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov). Once you are on the website, click on newsletter and then click on the month of the newsletter you would like to view.

I have focused on improving the content of the newsletter. I am confident the addition of Wilson will

allow us to further improve the content of the newsletter.

Wilson will bring experience and education in the journalism field to governmental operations. You can read more about her in the February issue of *Odawa Trails* when she introduces herself by writing her own new employee article. If you are a Tribal Elder who attends the Elders Luncheons held at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, you will be introduced to her at a luncheon shortly. Wilson will write articles, cover tribal community events, proofread copy, edit copy and take photos as needed.

As a department, we will continue to strive to produce a better newsletter. I am excited to see where the future takes us. If you have any story ideas, suggestions or submissions, you can e-mail them to us at [newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) or call 231-242-1427.

JUDICIAL BRANCH

LTBB COMMUNITY CITIZENS COMPLETE PEACEMAKING TRAINING

By Dave Keller, Civil Court Development Specialist

Fifteen LTBB Community Citizens recently finished 40 hours of peacemaking and mediation training sponsored by the LTBB Tribal Court.

The training was essential preparation for facilitating circles in the new Peacemaking Program developed by the Tribal Court. Initially, the Peacemaking Program will focus on juvenile cases such as truancy, runaway, curfew and incorrigibility.

In the photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar, pictured left to right in the front row are Anthony Davis, trainer Kathy Lane, trainer Dave Keller, and Bill Nash. Pictured left to right in the back row are Peghi Parkey, Francine Thuston, Rita Gasco-Shepard, Will Espey, Na-



talie Sova, Clayton Mooney and Joe Mitchell and Jannan Cornstalk also completed the training, but they are not pictured in the photo.

Marie "Tootsie" Miller, Mike Lyons, Matt Davis, Kevin Gasco,

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN FRANK ETTAWAGESHIK

Water, Treaty Rights, and Native Traditions in a Multi-Sovereign Environment

Presented by LTBB Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik on November 17, 2006 at Cornell Law School in Ithaca, NY.

Native Water Law and Public Policy: Critical Issues in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Watershed Conference

Three brief thoughts: We gathered at a small riverside site on a grey autumn day with intermittent sprinkles of rain blessing us. After a pipe ceremony and to the accompaniment of sacred songs, we each released into central Lower Michigan's Manistee River six-inch sturgeon that had been reared through a restoration project by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' Natural Resources Department. The incredible spiritual strength and power in that ancient fish I placed in the river water with my bare hands moved something deep within my spirit that may never be the same again. That sturgeon may live 150 years, and I could imagine someday my great-great-great grandchild might experience that same fish in the

river. From ancient fish to the Internet: At <http://www.motherearthwaterwalk.com>, you will find this message: "A group of Anishinaabe-kwe and supporters have taken action regarding the water issue. With a bucket of water, they walked around Lake Superior in spring 2003, and plan to walk around the remaining great lakes of North America. This walk is to raise awareness how, we, the human beings on this planet need to know, and take care of our precious resource, the water." These Native grandmothers have now completed walking for each of the Great Lakes in Michigan.

And, yet a third thought/image: We are taught by our Elders to think through the effects of our

actions to the seventh generation. Some think of this as a specific place in time, but I like to think of seven generations as a buffer in time, similar to driving your car down the road at night with your lights shining ahead of you. For each 100 feet you drive, your lights move out ahead of you another 100 feet. Seven generations is a continuously moving distance into our future we never reach.

Aanii, Hello, Pipigwa Ododem, Waganakising n'doonjiba. Naakwegeshik n'diznikaaaz. Sparrow Hawk is the mark of my family. I am from the Crooked Tree Place. Noonday is my name. I am also known as Frank Ettawageshik, a citizen of the Waganakising Odawak, or the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians from northern Lower Michi-

**Day Care Assistance**

Applications for the 2006-2007 Day Care Assistance Program are now available.

If you live in Emmet, Charlevoix or Cheboygan County and would like more information, please stop in at Human Services, 915 Emmet Street, Petoskey, MI, or call 231-242-1626 for an application. You may also call 1-888-309-5822 and ask for Human Services. **This is an income based program.**

**LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIEAP)**

If you live in Michigan and need assistance with Fuel Oil, Propane, Electric, Natural Gas or Wood/Coal and are Low Income, please stop by Human Services at 915 Emmet Street, Petoskey, MI, or call 231-242-1626 for an application. You may also call 1-888-309-5822 and ask for Human Services.

You can apply once during October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007 for each type of assistance available:

1. **Direct:** Any assistance not an emergency
2. **Emergency:** Will help with Shut-off or tank less than 10%
3. **Weatherization:** Insulation, storm door, etc.

Applications for all programs are accepted until funds run out.

A limited supply of heaters, window plastic kits and weather-stripping is available for pickup at the Human Services Building during regular business hours.

**Tribal Contractors Wanted For New Casino Construction**



**Call Tom Ollman at Clark Construction 231-487-0338**

## "WATER": CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

er sovereigns with whom we interact.

I have with me here my personal pipe bag and a copper cup filled with water. I am a traditional Odawa man, aware of the many sacred duties that are gifts from our Creator. I am also an elected leader of a constitutional tribal government. These are not incompatible positions. I am strengthened in performing my constitutional duties by my understanding of the sacred. The copper cup was left with me by Josephine Mandamin, the originator of the grandmother water walkers, when she and the others visited our tribal community on their walk for Lake Michigan. She asked me to use it in ceremony and to bring it out when working to protect the waters.

As demonstrated by the sacrifice these women made in walking for all of the Great Lakes, no one alone can achieve the fulfillment of our sacred duties. Equally, no Tribal or First Nation government alone can do so either. We share a common creation and thus, we also share common responsibilities and challenges with each other and with those other sovereigns such as the United States and Canada.

In the same way that we look ahead seven generations, we can also look back. Each of us is someone's seventh generation. We are the product of what these ancestors left for us. Throughout the history of our Tribal Nations, we have made agreements or treaties between ourselves, and subsequently with the many European nations that vied for influence on this continent. More recently, we held these negotiations and treaties

with the United States. As we continue to honor our sacred duties to respect the waters of creation, we have at our disposal teachings and documentary tools handed down to us by our ancestors. We continue to negotiate new agreements as well. An outline of some examples of these documentary tools will follow.

**Dakota, Lakota, Nakota—Ottawa and Chippewa (Anishinabeg):** In 1992, Vine Deloria sought and secured a resolution from the traditional leaders of the Dakota, Lakota, Nakota in support of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (Waganakising Odawak) and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in our 120-year struggle for acknowledgement of the government-to-government relationship between the United States and our Tribes. They gave their support in recognition of a treaty relationship between our peoples that dates from 1781. Their resolution concludes, "Further resolved that the bands of Lakota nation continues to recognize treaty of 1781 and other treaties made by Lakota Nation with other Indian Nations."

**1836 Treaty of Washington and the subsequent 1855 Treaty of Detroit:** Both of these treaties to which my Tribe was one of the signatories with the United States, reserved rights to lands and resources that have been upheld in continuing court battles over the intervening years. We have had victories on some issues and in others, we are currently actively engaged such as the Inland Rights phase of United States vs. Michigan Hunting and Fishing Rights Case.

**Grand Traverse Band of Ot-**

**tawa and Chippewa Indians, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Agreement:** On December 11, 1997, three Tribes signed an agreement that "recognized the boundaries of their reservations set out in the Treaties, and the rights of the Tribes to exercise exclusive jurisdiction over hunting, fishing and gathering activities within their reservation boundaries."

**Intergovernmental Accord between the Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in Michigan and the Governor of the State of Michigan Concerning Protection of Shared Water Resources: Signed on May 12, 2004, concludes by saying:** "Now, Therefore, the Governor and the undersigned Tribes affirm their joint commitment to the preservation, restoration and enhancement of the Great Lakes ecosystem and pledge to work together to clean up the pollutants now present, eliminate exotic species, maintain and preserve diverse water resource habitats, and prevent future contaminants, exotics and depletion of these waters. They further commit to sending representatives to meet at least twice a year to review the quantity and quality of our water resources and to develop strategies for protecting those resources including recommendations for state, federal and tribal legislation, and international treaties, coordination of permitting activities, and cooperation on enforcement of water protection laws."

**Tribal and First Nations Great Lakes Water Accord:** By this accord signed on November 23, 2004, at Sault Ste. Marie, MI, the tribes and First Nations of the Great Lakes

Basin do hereby demand our rights and sovereignty be respected, that any governmental effort to protect and preserve the Waters of the Great Lakes Basin include full participation by Tribes and First Nations, and we also hereby pledge we share the interests and concerns about the future of the Great Lakes Waters, further pledging to work together with each other and with the other governments in the Great Lakes Basin to secure a healthy future for the Great Lakes. This Accord was signed by 73 individual Chiefs, Ogemak and Tribal Chairmen representing over 120 Tribes and First Nations within the Great Lakes Basin. In addition, 65 attendees signed as witnesses at the Water Accord gathering.

**Great Lakes Declaration:** Signed on December 3, 2004 in Chicago, IL, at a conveners meeting for the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration. Tribes, states, cities and Congress along with private sector organizations pledged to develop a plan to preserve and restore the Great Lakes. In the year following the signing of this declaration, a comprehensive plan was developed by more than 1,500 volunteers from all walks of life representing the many sovereigns in the Great Lakes Basin. More information on this process and the final report is available at [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov).

**Annex 2001 Implementing Agreements:** Interstate Compact between the eight Great Lakes states, and an International Agreement between the Great Lakes states and Ontario, Canada, and Quebec, Canada. While not signatories to these documents, Tribes and First Nations were able to

join in the discussions and were able to have meaningful input in the process that developed the final language that was signed by the State Governors and Provincial Premiers on December 13, 2005. These documents are available at [www.cglg.org](http://www.cglg.org).

**St. Mary's River Treaty: Regarding the preservation, protection and enhancement of the waters of the St. Mary's River ecosystem.** Signed on November 8, 2006 at the Bay Mills Indian Reservation in Brimley, MI, between the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Garden River First Nation, Bay Mills Indian Community and Batchewana First Nation.

We have been taught we have a sacred responsibility to honor and respect all of creation, all of the wonders of Mother Earth, and that we are intricately connected to all of creation. We need to use the tools left for us by our ancestors as we prepare for those coming generations.

I've outlined some of the agreements, some of the tools left for us and some of the tools we are leaving for the coming generations. While we talk about the seven generations to come, nothing gets to the seventh generation without us teaching and transferring to the next generation the accumulated wisdom and experience that has served us in getting to the present day.

The challenge for each of us here today is to ensure we choose wisely and we counsel our leaders to choose wisely. For when we honor and respect creation, we honor and respect ourselves, our families and our Nations.

## EXECUTIVE REPORT FROM THE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Each month, the Tribal Chairman's Office prepares a written Executive Oversight Report for the Tribal Council. This is one of the duties of the Tribal Chairman listed in the Waganakising Odawa Constitution adopted on February 2, 2005. Starting this month, we will prepare an article from this oversight report to include in the *Odawa Trails*. The following article is from our December 2006 report to Tribal Council.

### Ambassadorial Activities

**Burt Lake Letter Published in Congressional Record:** In 1997, Carl Frazier, the former Burt Lake Chairperson, gave testimony in Congress that put forth an erroneous Burt Lake claim to much of the Little Traverse Bay Bands' territory. The LTBB Tribal Council withdrew its Resolution of Support for Burt Lake's recognition after the territorial claim was made to the U.S. Congress. Several times since 1997, the leadership at Burt Lake has promised to withdraw that testimony, but failed to follow through on its promise. They met with LTBB Representatives during my previous term as Chairman in 1998 and 1999. While Chairman (Gerry) Chingwa was in office, they met with LTBB again, and at least twice since I took office in 2003, they have again met with us, all to no avail. Recently, I've been contacted again to speak with Burt Lake about their formal denial of recognition by the Office of Federal Acknowledgement. I said I really didn't see any need to meet until they followed through on their previous promises. Finally, on November 13, 2006, Congressman Bart Stupak read into the official record and a copy was published

in the Congressional Record of a letter from Burt Lake Chairperson Curtis Chambers disavowing Chairman Frazier's testimony as "factually inaccurate." We thank them for correcting the record, and now, we will no longer be in opposition to their pursuit of recognition.

**St. Mary's River Treaty:** An outgrowth of the Tribal and First Nations Great Lakes Water Accord is the formal work being done by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe and Bay Mills with Garden River and Batchewana First Nations. I was invited to speak at, and be a witness to, the signing of a treaty before these four sovereign governments recently at Bay Mills. With more than 75 people present, four leaders signed this treaty after a pipe ceremony and songs. Women hand drum singers sang while the leaders and all the witnesses signed. A feast followed. They signed five original copies: One for each of the signing nations, and one for LTBB because of the leadership we've provided regarding protection of the sacred water. The LTBB original and a copy of the witness list will be placed in our archives. We also received an engraved pen used by the witnesses to sign the witness list that will be in our archives.

**Resolution of Support for the Havasupai Tribe:** At the National Congress of American Indians, I heard a presentation by representatives of the Havasupai Tribe who live in the Grand Canyon. They have a lawsuit against Arizona State University regarding misrepresentations made by a researcher from the university during a supposed diabetes research project. The Tribe feels betrayed

and abused because they later found out their blood samples were used for studies on migration, inbreeding, and schizophrenia without their consent.

They are seeking support from other tribes across the country. So far, they have received support from NCAI, Arizona Inter-Tribal Council, and several individual tribes. I recommend LTBB adopt a resolution of support for the Havasupai.

**United Tribes of Michigan:** Tribal Resolution 102206-02 authorized LTBB membership in United Tribes of Michigan and made a pledge of \$2,000 per year for five years to support the administration of this organization. A draft resolution for Tribal Council consideration was submitted with this report appropriating \$2,000 for fiscal year 2007 and approving a budget modification placing the funds in the Executive Budget, so we will be able to pay this pledge for 2007. We are placing the funds in our 2008 Executive Budget request, so we will not need to come back for a special appropriation and budget modification again next year.

**NCAI Dues Increase Proposal:** At the fall meeting in Sacramento, CA, a proposal was put forward to increase the dues for the National Congress of American Indians. I pointed out many tribes have already adopted their 2007 budgets and to raise the dues without a long lead time would create budgetary problems. I led an effort to postpone this issue for consideration until at least the Executive Session in February in Washington, DC. This effort was successful. LTBB would be impacted substan-

tially by this increase. Many tribes were opposed to the changes, but all spoke highly of their support for NCAI. I am asking for thoughts on this dues increase in order to provide guidance for me during the debate in February.

**Speaking Engagements:** On November 17, I spoke at a conference at the Cornell University Law School in Ithaca, NY. The conference topic was water law. The title of my presentation was "Water, Treaty Rights, and Native Traditions in a Multi-Sovereign Environment." A copy of this presentation is in this *Odawa Trails* in a separate article.

**Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority/Great Lakes Resources Committee Meetings:** Our Great Lakes fishing issues are discussed with the other four tribes in the 1836 Treaty Area at these meetings. This past month, we have had several conference calls on various issues, including personnel and budgets. On December 14 at Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City, MI, we held a regular meeting.

**Lobbying Reports:** We receive a written report each month from Michigan Tribal Advocates, our lobbyist in Lansing, MI. Additionally, we talk with or e-mail our lobbyist in Washington D.C. regularly about activities in the U.S. Congress. The main topic for discussion in both Lansing and Washington D.C. right now is the restructuring going on with the Democrats taking the Michigan House and the U.S. House and Senate.

**Implementation of Statutes and Resolutions**

**Budget Policy Revision:** The CFO (Chief Financial Officer), the

Tribal Administrator and the Executive Office have been working on revising the existing budget policy in light of the new constitution. We submitted a revised policy to Tribal Council for approval in December.

**2007 Liquor Licenses for Tribal Enterprises:** We submitted a draft resolution with copies of three 2007 licenses for Tribal Council's approval.

**Odawa Register:** Updates to the Odawa Register are coming along well. We expect to have the beta version of the front page ready soon with full implementation around January 1. Each branch of government will have its own page linked directly to the front page. The Executive page will be more user friendly, hopefully, making it easier to navigate and to make online comments on posted regulations.

**Oversight of Commissions and Programs**

**Economic Development Commission, Education Commission, Housing Commission, Gaming Board of Directors, Gaming Regulatory Commission:** Vice Chairman (Bill) Denemy (Sr.) and I attended meetings of several commissions and boards this past month as well as the meetings for the workgroup for the community center and pump house.

**Support Resolutions for Grant Funding:** Our Grant Writer, Heidi Yapple, submitted several resolutions for consideration by Tribal Council in support of new grant funding requests, including a funding request from the Tribal Court.

**Enterprise Oversight**

**Victories Casino:** During the

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last month, we've had several issues and happenings at Victories. First, we have a new Chairperson for the Gaming Board of Directors, Carol McFall. Carol has served on the Board since 2004 and also previously served on the Gaming Administration in 1999 and 2000.

Second, we have posted for a new Marketing Director. Our former Marketing Director's employment with us ended on November 15, 2006.

**New Casino Project Report:** At this point, we are still ahead of schedule and under budget for the construction. Several of the rooms in the lower level have been painted already. The waste water treatment building is coming along nicely, and the water tower foundation is completed.

**Odawa Enterprise Management:** We continue to work on the quota issue for cigarettes under the tax agreement with the State of Michigan. Our reporting shows we had not yet exceeded our quota for 2006, and our end of the year report for 2005 shows we did not exceed it for 2005 either. However, since we have had to place restrictions on the amounts of purchase at the end of each year, it seems we do need to discuss increasing our quota with the State. We are continuing to investigate the sales and reporting from 2003 and 2004. In discussions with the CFO, it appears an initial study of the invoices paid and the tax reimbursements received for 2003 and 2004 revealed we did exceed the quota in those years, and thus,

were not able to be reimbursed for a portion of the sales and excise taxes we had not charged to our citizens.

On another tax agreement issue, we have also had discussions this past year about switching from reimbursement of sales tax on vehicles and building supplies to a voucher system similar to what other tribes are using. We are investigating switching to this system by April 1, 2007. Switching to this voucher system has been recommended by both the Department of Commerce and the Economic Development Commission. We will be working on this issue in the next month.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairman

**Give a woman a quilt and she will keep warm; but teach her to quilt and she'll get so much more.**

*The Community Health Department offers quilt making classes.*

*January 31 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
February 21 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
March 3 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.*

**Call 231-242-1601 for more information or to sign up.**

**NATIVE NEWS**

**UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH THE NEW EMPLOYEES SERVING OUR COMMUNITY**



**Bob Bateman**

Bob Bateman, a 35-year-old LTBB Tribal Citizen, started October 30, 2006 as the General Manager of Biindigen Gas Station and Convenience Store in Petoskey, MI.

He works under Enterprise Manager Chuck Schofield in Odawa Enterprise Management (OEM). OEM reports directly to the Economic Development Commission.

Prior to taking his current position, Bateman worked 10 years in the casino industry. He worked in table games at Victories Casino in Petoskey, the MGM Grand Detroit Casino in Detroit, MI, and Turtle Creek Casino in Williamsburg, MI. He worked as the Table Games Director for Victories Casino and Hotel from October 2000 to November 2005.

Bateman grew up in the East Lansing (Michigan) area. After graduating from high school, he attended Lansing Community College, Michigan State University, Central Michigan University and North Central Michigan College.

He moved to the northern Michigan area six years ago.

"I enjoy living in the area and working for the tribal community," Bateman said.

"I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know everyone in the tribal community."

His parents are Mike and Arvilla (McMillan) Bateman. His grandparents are the late Archie McMillan and the late Esther (Evans) McMillan. His siblings are Michael Bateman and the late David Bateman. He has a son, Anthony, 16, and a daughter, Amy, 6.

Bateman enjoys spending time with his children, family and friends; watching movies; spending time on the computer; and watching sports.

He is a fan of all the sports teams in Michigan.



**R.J. Smith**

R.J. Smith started as the Youth Services Coordinator on November 13, 2006. The Youth Services Department was created earlier this year, and it is located at 1345 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey, MI. LTBB has always offered many youth activities, but in the past, LTBB lacked a place where all the information related to youth activities could be accessed.

"I have enjoyed meeting with and talking with everyone involved with youth services for the tribe, especially the youth themselves," Smith said. "We have talked about their hopes and dreams for the future.

"Everyone's biggest hope and dream for the future is a youth center, including myself."

Smith, who is Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Ojibwe on his mother's side and Fort Peck Assiniboine on his father's side, grew up in Chicago, IL. After graduating from high school, he attended Loyola University and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

He is currently finishing his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Community Studies/Public Policy.

Prior to taking his current position, Smith was the cultural coordinator at the Boys and Girls Club of LCO in Wisconsin for 2 1/2 years where he said his biggest accomplishment was founding the youth drum, the Grindstone Lake Singers. While in Chicago, he started a youth group, the Urban Natives of Chicago Youth Council and Dance Troupe. He has been working with youth for the past 18 years. Ironically, Smith brought youth from

both of the communities he worked in previously to visit and share with the LTBB People.

His wife is Netawn Kiogima, a LTBB Tribal Citizen. His children are Miigwaans (Little Feather), 8, and Zhaawon (Bluebird), 3.

"I miss my grandmother (Beatrice Stewart) and my mother (Faith Smith) back in LCO greatly, but it's nice to let her (his wife's) side of the family spoil the kids," Smith said.

Smith said he and his family all love to attend pow wows and ceremonies. He sings in the drum group, Buffalo Horse, and dances men's northern traditional.

"The whole family sings and dances," Smith said.



**Yvonne Fuerte**

Aanii. My name is Yvonne Fuerte and I am the new Administrative Assistant to the LTBB Tribal Prosecutor. My official date of hire was November 13, 2006, and I am thrilled to be an LTBB Employee.

My maiden name is Keshick and I lived in the Charlevoix-Petoskey, MI, area all of my young life. I graduated from Petoskey High School in 1976 and worked for a short time at Control Engineering in Boyne City, MI, before deciding to go onto college.

I attended Haskell Indian Junior College in Lawrence, KS. What cemented my decision was it was far enough away, but not too far, and it was an all Native college. After attending school in Petoskey where there were only a handful of other Natives students in my graduating class, I wanted the experience of going to an all Native school. Luckily for me, a friend of mine from Harbor Springs decided to go there too! So we both embarked on our college journey to-

gether. What an exciting time! We met and befriended other Native students from all over the country. Not only were our classmates Native, most of our instructors were Native as well. To this day, I have only good, strong, memories of attending there. My college days were shortly numbered though. I suffered a severe knee injury and subsequently had surgery while there. My knee was never quite the same, and I missed a semester rehabilitating my knee.

During this break, an aunt who lived in Chicago, IL, invited me to visit her. I did, and I soon fell in love, and not just with the Windy City. When my visit was over and it was time to return home, I returned home absolutely lovesick. Before too long, I found myself on the Greyhound bus heading back to Chicago. To me, Chicago was great! I loved everything about it: The food, the people, the nightlife, and the transportation. I lived near the lakefront, and it so reminded me of home. The Indian community was gargantuan at this time, and I loved being a part of it. It surfaced back warm memories of my time at Haskell.

In the past, I was previously employed at the American Indian Health Service of Chicago as the Secretary/Receptionist. I was employed there for almost seven years. During that time, I had married, and my one and only daughter was born. After several years had gone by, my marriage was ending. I soon found myself back on that Greyhound bus heading back home. This time, I stayed for almost two years. Fortunately, I had stayed in contact with a good friend of mine who called one day out of the blue and told me about a job opening in Chicago. My friend, who I previously worked with at the American Indian Health Service, had told these new people about me and asked me if I would be interested in applying for the position. I missed Chicago immensely, and I was more than ready to return to the Windy City.

In the fall of 1990, I interviewed for the Assistant to the Registrar position at NAES (Native American Educational Services College) and was hired! My tenure

at NAES was 14 years. When I left, my position was the Assistant to the President. As a single parent, I was extremely grateful I had years of employment that afforded me the means to raise my daughter, and we both had access to good health care.

As time went on and my daughter was getting closer to her high school graduation, I decided to return to Michigan. I gave notice a year in advance and made plans so my daughter could finish her last year of high school in Michigan, thereby, making her eligible for the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver.

I'm very proud to say my daughter graduated from Petoskey High School in 2005, and now attends North Central Michigan College. My journey since then has been a long one. After having moved back home, I soon found out since I had voluntarily terminated my employment, I was ineligible for unemployment compensation. Needless to say, I was bummed out. I was unemployed for a year before initially finding work in May 2005 as an "office temp" for the tribe. Since then, I have worked in several different departments within the tribe, and found the various work experiences invaluable. My last "temp" job was in the Office of Tribal Prosecutor before being hired permanently.

While it has been a grueling two years, the personal hardships have been worth it.

Words of thanks to my mother, Mary Keshick, for all her love and support by providing a roof over our heads and feeding us. Thanks to the rest of the family for all of their help and support. My sincere thanks to those of you who have helped me with the maintenance of my car; provided a ride when I didn't have one; who have lent me money when I didn't have it; those who gave their time, patience and expertise to provide me training; and those who expressed kind, encouraging words and gestures. A special thanks to those who have extended me the chance and opportunity to be a part of this exciting organization. Last but not least, thanks and praise to the Lord! Amen.

Photos by Annette VanDeCar.

## Middle School Homework Lab

**WHERE:** Little Traverse Bay Bands' Governmental Center

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## WINTERIZATION TIPS FROM THE LTBB ENERGY WORKGROUP

By Theresa Keshick, Department of Commerce Assistant

Aanii fellow tribal citizens! Old Man Winter is finally upon us, so here are some tips on how to keep those cold drafts from entering your house and other energy efficient tips that will help cut the cost of those heating bills!

• **Seal leaky ducts (furnaces):** Leaky ducts are notorious for decreasing the efficiency of warm air furnaces and typically decrease their efficiencies by 20-30%.<sup>1</sup> Seal duct joints and seams with mastic, and insulate hot air ducts that pass through unheated spaces with fiberglass.

• **Insulate supply and return pipes (boilers):** Hot water and steam pipes passing through unheated areas should be wrapped with insulation. For steam pipes with wall thickness of at least three inches, use high temperature-rated pipe insulation, such as fiberglass. Foam insulation with a thickness of a half-inch is suitable for hot water pipes.

• **Clean or change air filters (furnaces):** When dust blocks airflow, fans have to work harder, which in turn, drives up energy consumption, and raises bills. For around \$10, you can buy a reusable filter that lasts one to two years. It should, however, be vacuumed monthly. Disposable filters are also available from hardware stores.

• **Install radiator reflectors (boilers):** This avoids heat transfer from the radiator to the adjacent exterior wall. You can make reflectors from foil-covered cardboard, which is available at many building supply stores. The reflector should be installed behind your radiator and be the same size as it is or slightly larger.

• **Clean registers (furnaces):** Warm air registers should be cleaned regularly and not be obstructed by drapes or furniture.

• **Ensure through servicing:** Gas furnaces and boilers should be tuned every two years while oil units should be tuned annually. Make sure the technician tests the vent for leaks; leaky vents can let combustion gases into the home. They may also recommend efficiency modifications such as reducing the nozzle (oil) or orifice (gas) size, installing a new burner and a motorized flue damper, or replacing the pilot light with an electronic ignition. Ask them to explain and quantify AFUE improvements if possible.

*The efficiency of a heating system is measured by the Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency: The percentage of fuel converted to heat, factoring in combustion, seasonal use, and on/off cycling. A heating system technician can estimate the AFUE of your heater.*

• **Install a vent damper in the flue:** By shutting the vent during the off cycle, the damper prevents heat from being drawn up the flue and lost outside.

• **Install a programmable thermostat:** These cost \$30-\$100

and allow you to pre-set a heating schedule while maintaining comfortable temperatures. Remember to look for the Energy Star label. You can turn the heat down during sleeping hours and when the home or rooms are unoccupied. You'll save 2% off your heating bill with every degree that you lower the thermostat. For example, turning it down from 70°F to 65°F during the day and back up to 75°F during the night can save \$80-\$100 per year.<sup>2</sup>

### Sealing Air Leaks

The U.S. Department of Energy estimates air leakage can add 10% to your annual energy bill.<sup>3</sup> This equates to about \$70 per year for the average home. The first priority should be to seal the attic and basement, as this is where air pressure is strongest and leakage is the most prevalent.

### How to Check for Air Leakage

You can find air leakage points by holding a lit incense stick or a piece of string near doors, windows, vents, and other seams or openings. Drafts will become apparent as the incense or string moves with the air current. You should mark these points with chalk and determine if caulking (the sealing of spaces in nonmoving surfaces, such as gaps in walls around ducts and electrical outlets) or weather stripping (the sealing of the edges of moving surfaces like windows and doors) is required. For best results, choose a cool, windy day and turn on exhaust fans, the furnace, and the clothes dryer. This will draw air out of the house and prompt outside air to come in at leakage points and replace it. Your local utility or building contractor might also offer a blower door test. This typically costs \$50-\$200 and uses infrared technology to pinpoint air leakage locations while pressurizing your home with a blower door.

### How to Fix Air Leakage

The cost of air sealing measures in new and existing homes ranges from \$100-\$600 per house. The low end of this range includes do-it-yourself options, while the upper end includes blower door testing and the labor of experienced professionals. Caulking and weather stripping materials are available at hardware, building supply stores, and even the local Wal-Mart and K-Mart stores.

Caulk is best for cracks and gaps about less than one-quarter inch wide. Expanding foam sealant is good for sealing larger cracks and holes protected from sunlight and moisture, and backer rod or cracker filler, which is another foam material, is sold in one-quarter-inch wide coils for sealing large cracks and providing backing in very deep cracks that are sealed with caulk.

The first task would be to seal seams and gaps in the basement. You can prevent drafts along the floor by caulking along the sill and rim joist. Where there are large openings, such as plumbing chases and attic hatch covers, you can use wool, cotton, or cellulose insulation wrapped in plastic instead. The second task is to seal around windows and doors. The

space left around these fixtures after installation can be a major source of air leakage. Often insulation is simply stuffed into cracks. While this might insulate a home, it often does not stop airflow. If window panes are loose in their wood frames, you can caulk using putty compounds. Glass panes in metal and vinyl frames are best sealed with vinyl strips. You can also seal window edges and cracks easily with rope caulk. Don't forget to caulk around the chimney and electrical and duct outlets.

Weather stripping is an effective way to cut air leakage through windows and doors. It does not affect opening and closing mobility, and it is unseen. The type of weather stripping depends on the type of window you have. Compression type weather stripping and V-strip weather stripping are widely available in building supply and hardware stores. There are two ways to weather strip the bottom of doors: One, by replacing a threshold, and two, by attaching a door bottom or sweep. Thresholds are generally installed to replace existing worn out ones, for example, where the vinyl or rubber weather stripping is defective. Door bottoms or sweeps are usually installed in doors with no existing sill to provide a positive seal against air movement.

By far, the simplest way to block air flow around windows is to use plastic or the shrinkage-type plastic film. Plastic sheeting can be taped to the inside of windows or it can be stapled to the outside of some windows. Another form is the plastic film which is applied to an adhesive strip applied around the frame, and then with the use of a blow dryer, the film shrinks to a tight fit to block the air flow. These kits come in various sizes and are available at hardware, building supply and department stores.

In the past, the LTBB Human Services Department had plastic sheeting window kits and the weather stripping available to Tribal Citizens. To check on availability, please contact Theresa Boda in Human Services at 231-242-1626.

Also, simply using drapes or window shades will aid in keeping out the cold as well. It's another form of blockage, and every little bit helps.

For more information on weatherization, you may contact me at my office at 231-242-1584 or there is information available at the Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy website at [www.eere.energy.gov/consumerinfo/factsheets.html](http://www.eere.energy.gov/consumerinfo/factsheets.html)

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# "DR. SAMUELS": CONTINUED FROM COVER

my longevity. "I am optimistic about the possibility of fusion of my bones, but I won't know for certain until this summer. Despite an uncertain future, I am at peace with whatever happens."

has taught him countless lessons about himself, and it has helped him look at life through a patient's perspective more.

"I am thankful for another chance at life and thankful to again provide medical care to our tribal community," Samuels said. "Every

day I wake up and I am given another day, I am extremely grateful. I want to remind everyone to appreciate the gifts we take for granted, for example, the ability to walk.

"I encourage young people to take care of themselves. I would like everyone to realize how fortunate we are to be on this Earth and to focus on the positive side of life as there are always others less fortunate than ourselves."

Samuels, who started the Waganakising Martial Arts Club based in the Native Way II gym in Harbor Springs, MI, teaches tae kwon do, but he has not been cleared to perform himself. Samuels started doing tae kwon do in 1977, and he has a second degree black belt. His future in the sport is uncertain depending on whether his surgery is successful or not.

X-ray images provided courtesy of Dr. Terry Samuels.



## NATIVE ARTISTS DISCUSS THEIR INSPIRATION



On November 14, local Native American artists, Simon Otto and Yvonne Walker-Keshick, explained what inspired them to create their artwork. The discussion was held at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey MI. Photos by Communications Assistant Aaron Wayne Otto.

## AN EVENING OF STORYTELLING AND FOOD

By Aaron Wayne Otto, Communications Assistant

On December 12, the Anishnaabe Egnomunjik Ewaaweyak (Native American Student Organization) hosted "A Night of Storytelling and Food" at the North Central Michigan College (NCMC) Cafeteria in Petoskey, MI.

The event was a fundraiser intended to raise money to send NASO students to the Anishnaabemowin-Teg Language Conference in Sault Ste. Marie, MI, later this year. NASO students have attended the conference for the past two years, and they hoped to raise enough money to attend again this year.

The Biidaasige Singers started the event with a welcome song. The dinner included Indian

tacos, corn soup, fry bread and salad. Many people enjoyed the meal.

The event was filled with stories, jokes, laughter, music and full bellies.

Native storytellers, Frank Ettawageshik, Tony Miron, Simon Otto and Isabelle Osawamick, filled the cafeteria with stories about turtles and their shells, dogs and their tails, and the origin story of Turtle Island. NCMC Anishnaabemowin students also told and acted out stories they had learned in their classes.

During the storytelling portion of the evening, Biidaasige Singers sang an honor song for Tribal Councilor Alice Yellowbank who

celebrated her birthday that day.

Tribal citizens, Pat Naganashe, Mike Naganashe and Aaron Otto, sang together while playing hand drums. Otto also played Native American flute. Members of the Women's Hand Drum group performed. Aanzhenii Starr Bigjohn, a hoop dancer, also performed.

The night ended with a raffle drawing. A Pendleton blanket was one of the items won in the raffle. The evening ended with another song from the Biidaasige Singers.

Photos by Communications Assistant Aaron Wayne Otto unless otherwise noted.

## GRANTS AND DONATIONS PROGRAM

WE ARE SEEKING INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR THE GRANTS AND DONATIONS PROGRAM. THE REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL REVIEW, APPROVE AND DENY WHEN APPLICABLE 2007-08 GRANT PROPOSALS. THE MEETINGS WILL BE IN ROOM 312 AT THE LTBB GOVERNMENTAL CENTER IN HARBOR SPRINGS, MI. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR ALBERT COLBY, JR. AT 231-242-1421 OR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT MELISSA WIATROLIK AT 231-242-1420.

## Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program

The Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program is a summer mentoring program for high school students sponsored by the American Fisheries Society. The principal goal of the Hutton Program is to stimulate interest in careers in fisheries science and management among groups underrepresented in the fisheries professions.

Application to the program is open to all sophomore, junior, and senior high school students. A scholarship of \$3,000 is awarded to each student accepted into the program. Students are selected by the American Fisheries Society based upon their application.

It is a great opportunity for high school students interested in fisheries to gain experience while working with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) Natural Resource Department for the summer. Student applications for the summer of 2007 are due by February 15. More information and student applications can be found on the American Fisheries Society website at [www.web.fisheries.org/main/](http://www.web.fisheries.org/main/).

You can also contact Inland Fisheries Biologist Justin Chiotti in the LRBOI Natural Resource Department at 231-398-2195 or [jchiotti@lrboi.com](mailto:jchiotti@lrboi.com) for more information.



Tribal Community Citizen Tony Miron told stories at "A Night of Storytelling and Food" held December 12 at NCMC.

Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik was one of the storytellers at "A Night of Storytelling and Food" hosted by NASO.



Tribal Community Citizen Simon Otto entertained the crowd with his storytelling.

Lead Anishnaabemowin Language Instructor Isabelle Osawamick told stories.

Larry Denemy acted out a story told by Anishnaabemowin Language Students.



Aanzhenii Starr Bigjohn showed off her hoop dancing skills. Photo appears courtesy of Rebeca Deckinga.

Tribal Citizen Ray Greensky acted out a story told by NCMC Anishnaabemowin Language Students.

# WINTER SOLSTICE PARTY 2006

## LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS OF ALL AGES ENJOY THE WINTER SOLSTICE PARTY

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

On December 10 at the Emmet County Fairgrounds Community Center in Petoskey, MI, the LTBB Human Services Department hosted a Winter Solstice Party for tribal children.

Each child, newborn to 17, received a gift and a goodies bag. Children

had their picture taken with the "Native Santa." Children decorated stockings and ornaments to take home with them. Children took candy ornaments off the candy trees. A meal was also served.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



## ELDERS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



This sign greeted guests of the Elders Christmas Luncheon held at Victories Hotel in Petoskey, MI.



Medical Director Dr. Terry Samuels with his aunt, Glenna Kimball, at the Elders Christmas Luncheon.



Andrea Otto, showing her holiday spirit by wearing festive deer antlers, and her husband, Simon Otto.



LTBB Vice Chairman Bill Denemy, Sr. with his wife, Pat Denemy, and his daughter, Judy Smith.



Victories Hotel Food and Beverage Team Members helped to make the Christmas Luncheon a success.



(L to R) John Bott, Jody Skrobak, Diane Bott, Erica Hovie and Mary Kilmer from the Marketing Department.

On December 5 at Victories Hotel in Petoskey, MI, the Victories Hotel Staff, Victories Casino and Hotel Marketing Department and Victories Casino General Manager Barry Milligan hosted an Elders Christmas Luncheon for Tribal Elders and their guests.

The menu included Princess salad with sliced tomato, asparagus spears, chopped egg on Bibb lettuce with parmesan peppercorn dressing; a main course of petite center cut angus beef tenderloin seasoned and seared with merlot portabello mushroom sauce or grilled portabello mushroom "steak" with parmesan cheese topping; a combination of shrimp and crab cakes with special seasonings served with a honey Dijon mustard sauce; vegetables; chocolate toffee mousse cake with Kahlua fudge sauce; and assorted drinks.

Members of the Women's Hand Drum group sang some Christmas carols to those in attendance. Everyone in attendance received an Odawa Casino Resort sweatshirt, snowmen coffee mugs and snowmen plates as gifts from the Marketing Department.

In the photo of the Victories Hotel Food and Beverage team members, Lily Willard, Velma Adams, Isabel Crozier and Melissa Shomin are left to right in the front row; and Susan Cannon, Bridget Taylor, Food and Beverage Director Mike Bodjiak, Timothy Gill, Kitchen Supervisor Joe Hofbauer, Russell Worthington, Richard Lightfoot, Valerie Kilpatrick and Convention Services Supervisor Suzanne Sipe are left to right in the back row.

Convention Services Supervisor Suzanne Sipe contributed to this article.

Photos by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

## HEAD START CHILDREN MAKE A HOLIDAY VISIT



Children from the LTBB Head Start Program visited the Tribal Elders in attendance at the Elders Luncheon on December 14 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. The children sang Christmas carols for the elders. The children also visited the elders for Halloween on October 31 at the Elders Luncheon that day. During the Halloween visit, the children sang songs for the elders, showed off their Halloween costumes and went trick or treating in participating departments in the governmental center. Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

## HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S MITTEN TREE SHOWS LTBB EMPLOYEES AND CITIZENS' GENEROSITY

Submitted by the LTBB Housing Department



Deleta Gasco Smith and Bailey Givens place mittens on the tree. Photo by Annette VanDeCar.

(L to R) Housing Administrative Assistant Margaret Gasco helped deliver the items to Human Services Community Resource Coordinator Theresa Boda. Photo by Deleta Gasco Smith.

The LTBB Housing Department not only found a way to celebrate the holiday season by putting up and decorating a Christmas tree in its office space at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, it also found a way to provide a vital service to the tribal community.

The Housing Department turned its Christmas tree into a mitten tree. Once word got out the mitten tree was up, there was a great response from the

tribal community and tribal employees. There was a total of 22 pairs of gloves/mittens, seven hats, two scarves, 11 sets of hats and mittens, and four pairs of boots donated to this worthy cause.

"We would like to extend a sincere Chi-Miigwetch to everyone who helped make this project such a success," Housing Director Deleta Gasco Smith said.

"Because of everyone's generos-

ity, there will be some warm fingers out there in our tribal community this winter."

"I think we started a new tradition this year," Housing Administrative Assistant Margaret Gasco said.

Everything collected through the mitten tree project will be distributed through the LTBB Human Services Department with their community baskets.

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# BIG READ CHECK PRESENTATION

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



(L to R) Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation Program Officer D.J. Jones, LTBB Vice Chairman Bill Denemy, Sr. and LTBB Education Director Melissa Claramunt.

The Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation awarded \$3,500 to the Big Read on December 8 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. The NEA presents the Big Read in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest. The Big Read brings together partners across the country to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment.

NEA awarded the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians a \$20,000 grant. The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Greater Community Big Read Project 2007 will run from

January to June. LTBB was the only Indian tribe in the country selected to receive the grant, one of only three communities to receive the grant in the state, and one of only 72 communities nationwide to receive the grant.

On hand for the check presentation were Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation Program Officer D.J. Jones, LTBB Vice Chairman Bill Denemy, Sr. and LTBB Education Director Melissa Claramunt, who serves as the LTBB and the Greater Community Big Read Project 2007 Director.

For more information on the Big Read, visit [www.neabigread.org](http://www.neabigread.org).

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

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that helps prepare for and manage Big Read activities. Promotional materials include the Big Read website, [www.neabigread.org](http://www.neabigread.org); 30 or 60 second television spots tailored to the selected book title and community; and Big Read posters, banners and bookmarks.

According to the Big Read website, "Community organizations are selected based on experience in building strong local part-

nerships, reaching and engaging new and diverse audiences, working with educators, involving local and state public officials, working with media, and quality of outlined plans to develop and implement a community-wide reading program."

Several local partners have already committed to the project, and more possible partners are still being contacted.

Besides Claramunt, Grant

Writer Heidi Yapple and Librarian Francine Thuston were instrumental in LTBB's successful application process.

For more information, visit [www.neabigread.org](http://www.neabigread.org) and watch for future articles about the LTBB and the Greater Community Big Read Project 2007 in upcoming issues of *Odawa Trails*.

# MICHIGAN TRIBAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR'S CONSORTIUM

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



(L to R in the front row) Annette VanDeCar, Aaron Payment, Joyce Wilson, Mary Pelcher, Barry Phillips, Dena Wilson and Rochelle Ettawageshik. (L to R in the back row) Courtney Coulan, Matt Wesaw, Angeline Matson, Frank Ettawageshik, Donna Budnick, Melissa Claramunt, Sharon Hinmon and Tom Topash. Photo taken by Katie Bauer.

On December 14 and 15, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians hosted the Michigan Tribal Education Director's Consortium at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI.

The special meeting was called in conjunction with the United Tribes of Michigan and the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver (MITW) Program work group.

Per the discussion and a request from the United Tribes of Michigan meeting held on November 30, it was determined an additional meeting was needed for the following reasons:

- Research historical documents regarding the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Program.
- Coordinate various work/focus groups addressing MITW issues.
- Consider and determine appropriate strategies regarding the impact of Proposal 2 on the MITW.
- Develop a response to the Michigan Civil Rights Commission to be included in its report to the Governor.

On December 14 in the commons area, people shared histori-

cal documents regarding the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver at an open forum. It also served as a work session.

On December 15 in the Tribal Courtroom, the special meeting was held. After hearing individual and work group updates, an interview list was created, and a list of questions for the interviews was compiled. Personal interviews will be conducted to gather information about the formation of the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Program. Research was conducted on 1934 activities, and the media archives from 1976 and 1977 will be further researched. Furthermore, a strategy was created for responding to higher education institutions and their potential changes to admissions policies in the aftermath of the adoption of Proposal 2. A position statement and/or talking points were established.

Representatives from LTBB, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Huron Band of Potawatomi, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and the De-

partment of Civil Rights participated in the two-day event.

**Editor's note:** The Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Program is an act to provide free tuition for North American Indians in public state community colleges or public junior colleges or public universities. A public state community or public junior college or public university must waive tuition for any North American Indian who qualifies for admission as a full-time, part-time or summer school student and is a legal resident of the state for not less than 12 consecutive months. For the purposes of this act, North American Indian means a person who is not less than 25% quantum blood Indian as certified by the person's tribal organization and verified by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan. Proposal 2 was adopted by Michigan voters on November 7, 2006. It amends the Michigan constitution to ban public institutions from discriminating against or giving preferential treatment to groups or individuals based on their race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin. *Education Director Melissa Claramunt contributed to this article.*

# HOUSING COMMISSIONERS AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT STAFF ATTEND LEGAL SYMPOSIUM

By Deleta Gasco Smith, Housing Director



Tribal Elder Ray "Zeebee" Kiogima gave the opening prayer at the symposium last month. Photo courtesy of Deleta Gasco Smith.



(L to R) Ray "Zeebee" Kiogima, Richard Wemigwase, Deleta Gasco Smith and Arlene Naganashe. Photo courtesy of Deleta Gasco Smith.

During the week of December 4-8, two Housing Commissioners and two Housing Department Staff Members attended the National American Indian Housing Councils Legal Symposium in Las Vegas, NV.

We were honored to have one of our Housing Commissioners, Ray "Zeebee" Kiogima, offer the opening prayer as the symposium

opened.

During the meeting, there was some pretty lively debate on the floor on our user population count and the funding formula for NAHASDA (Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act or Public Law 104).

This meeting was to discuss items we will be taking to Washington D.C. in February for our

Legislative Conference.

Housing Department Staff Members included Elders Maintenance Richard Wemigwase and Housing Director Deleta Gasco Smith. Housing Commissioners were Ray "Zeebee" Kiogima, Housing Commission Chair, and Arlene Naganashe, Housing Commissioner.

**VICTORIES CASINO & HOTEL**

From January 1 Through February 28, Victories Hotel would like to extend a \$45 LTBB Tribal Rate on standard rooms. This rate represents a \$10 discount off of the normal \$55 LTBB Tribal Rate. Please Call 1-877-4-GAMING or 231-347-6041 to make a reservation! Just a reminder: It is one room per LTBB Tribal Citizen, 21 years of age or older.

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# INDIAN PRIDE TELEVISION SERIES KICKED OFF PRODUCTION DURING AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH LAST YEAR

Production is underway for the highly anticipated Indian Pride, a 33-part cultural magazine series to be aired on PBS stations throughout the United States in February. Indian Pride will spotlight the diverse cultures of American Indian people throughout the country. Prairie Public Television of Fargo, ND, is producing the weekly magazine in cooperation with Circle of Nations Publishing of Grand Forks, ND.

As the nation celebrates American Indian Heritage Month in November, a full production crew at Prairie Public Broadcasting in Fargo, ND was busy capturing the essence of Indian Country from in-studio guests for the television series. The first program showcases "A Historical Overview" of Indian Nations, and has a respected scholar from UCLA, Dr. Duane Champagne, as the in-studio guest. Champagne,

an American Indian professor, is the author of over 100 articles and books on the history of Indian Country.

As Dr. Champagne shares his view of how American Indian history was passed down through oral and written forms of communication, he sets the record straight ... "American Indian Nations had carried on the obligations to their sacred teachings for thousands of years before Europeans entered into this land." What is now called "self-government" was a way of life for the Indian Nations ... "A sacred moral code and purpose that fulfilled the sacred teachings and obligations, not only to the nation but, to all the beings and powers in the cosmic order."

JuniKae Randall of Circle of Nations Publishing is the host of the 13-part series. Randall, a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, has been

traveling the country for several months to bring the stories and scenes of American Indian culture to the television screen. Each 30-minute episode includes three distinct segments: mini-documentaries shot on location, on reservations and around other parts of Indian country; in-studio segments featuring discussion of current issues by nationally-known American Indian guests; and original and cultural performances featuring traditional and contemporary artists, as well as storytellers.

Future programs will highlight Indian art, education, traditional healing, storytelling as well as coverage of critical and timely issues of government, economic development and politics. When the topic of "Treaties and Sovereignty" is aired, Randall's special in-studio guest will be the founding director of the Native American

Rights Fund (NARF), John Echohawk. Echohawk is a major figure in Indian Country and he will share his perspective on the past and current state of sovereignty among Indian nations ... the treaties that were signed by the United States Government ... and the treaties now forgotten. He will share what these contracts mean between the United States Government and the Indian Nations.

"The Indian Pride television series will feature an educational component both onscreen and via the web. Its national broadcast distribution and website will fully integrate with schools, so teachers everywhere can share the contents of the series with their students. This is a significant contribution because modern textbooks contain very little material on the culture, history and struggle of the American Indian. This program will

help bridge that gap," said Randall.

Indian Pride will be distributed to PBS television stations nationwide through NETA. The world premiere of the 13-week series is scheduled to begin February 3. Contact your local PBS station for local dates and times.

Prairie Public Television is a premiere broadcaster of public television, radio and on-line services throughout the prairie region encompassing the state of North Dakota, northwestern Minnesota, southern Manitoba Province, Canada, eastern Montana and northern South Dakota.

In addition to a roster of PBS programs, Prairie Public has been a leader in providing locally produced award-winning programs that examine important issues that affect the lives of viewers in the United States and Canada.

## AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION SEMINARS OFFERED BY COLORADO STATE

Boozhoo (Greetings), It is with great enthusiasm we announce the American Indian Education on-line seminars for spring semester 2007. These seminars are provided in partnership between the Interwest Equity Assistance Center, the Colorado State University School of Education and the Tribal Education Departments National Assembly (TEDNA).

Introduction to American Indian Education will run during the first eight-week session (Begins on Jan. 16 and runs to March 9), and Law and Politics of American Indian Education will run during the second eight-week session (Begins on Mar. 12 and runs to May 4). Both seminars are two graduate credits. Seats are limited to 25 students per seminar.

### Seminar Descriptions:

Introduction to American Indian Education - This seminar covers the history of American Indian education in general with an emphasis on the who, what, where, when, why and how of American Indian education.

Asynchronous delivery utilizing WebCT. Intensive use of discussion forum. Text based discussions.

Law and Politics of American Indian Education - This seminar is focused on the unique legal and political educational relationships between American Indian tribes, and federal and state governments. We will discuss aboriginal and treaty rights to education, federal and state Indian education laws, and contemporary tribal laws regarding education. Asynchronous delivery. Intensive use of discussion forum. Text based discussions.

### Instructor:

Dr. Martin Reinhardt, research associate with the Interwest Equity Assistance Center, will be the instructor for these seminars. Dr. Reinhardt is an Anishinaabe Ojibway citizen of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Please visit our staff listings link at <http://www.colostate.edu/programs/EAC/> for his bio sketch.

His contact information is as follows: [martinr@cahs.colostate.edu](mailto:martinr@cahs.colostate.edu) or phone 303-623-5531.

### Registration:

In order to register for either seminar, you will need to do the following:

1. Print off a copy of the appropriate CSU registration form included on the Interwest Equity Assistance Center website under Resources, American Indian Education Seminars, Registration/Fee Forms, fill it out completely, and submit it along with your tuition payment of \$106 to: Colorado State University, School of Education, 202 Education Building, Fort Collins, CO 80523-1588
2. Print off a copy of the TEDNA fee form also included at the Interwest Equity Assistance Center website, fill it out completely, and submit it along with your payment of \$150 to: Melody McCoy, P.O. Box 18000, Boulder, CO 80308

3. Purchase required materials. You are responsible for purchasing your own required materials for both seminars.
4. Visit the following website to review helpful documents about WebCT. <http://www.soe.cahs.colostate.edu/WebCT/>

5. Logon to WebCT and familiarize yourself with the on-line seminar environment as soon as your registration has been processed and you have been granted access to the class in WebCT. <http://webct.colostate.edu/>

### Required Materials:

Introduction to American Indian Education:

- *Interdisciplinary Manual for American Indian Inclusion* - If you do not already have a copy of the manual, you may include in your payment to TEDNA an additional amount of \$24.99 and an individual use copy will be e-mailed to you at the e-mail address you

provide, or sent on CD by regular mail.

- *American Indian Education: A History* - By John Reyhner Jeanne Oyawin. Available from <http://amazon.com> for \$19.95 plus shipping.

Law and Politics of American Indian Education:

- *Tribalizing Indian Education*. Series. By Melody McCoy. Ordering information available from the National Indian Law Library, Native American Rights Fund, <http://www.narf.org/pubs/edu/index.htm>

These seminars may also be available for on-site delivery. If you are interested in planning an on-site seminar, or have any questions related to these seminars, please contact Dr. Martin Reinhardt at [martinr@cahs.colostate.edu](mailto:martinr@cahs.colostate.edu) or call 303-623-5531.

Miigwech (Thank you)

## TRIBAL ENERGY PROGRAM -SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Application Postmarked: February 23  
Location: Sandia National Laboratories Albuquerque, NM  
Internship Duration: 12 weeks

**Background:** The Tribal Energy Program promotes tribal energy self-sufficiency, economic development and employment on tribal lands through the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.

**Eligibility:** Current college upper-classmen and graduate students, who are familiar with Native American culture and tribal issues, are needed to support the Tribal Energy Program efforts with technical project tasks. Students are needed to assist a cross-disciplinary team to perform specific tasks. Interactions will be with Sandia's renewable energy

staff, Native American tribes interested in renewable systems and Sandia's American Indian Outreach Committee. Instant immersion in these activities is offered in working directly with experienced and internationally recognized peers. Travel will be required, including field visits to renewable energy projects.

**Required:** As authorized by the Tribal Energy Program, the student applicant must be a U.S. Citizen and be a Native American as defined as a member of a federally recognized Tribe, Alaska Village or Alaska Corporation (not state-recognized, not bands or groups, or first peoples of Guam or Hawaii). Specific interest in renewable energy is required.

### Application Instructions:

✓Apply to contact address listed at the top of the announcement prior to the deadline.

✓Apply using a personal resume including GPA and all relevant work experience and outside activities. Include your phone number and e-mail address.

- ✓Include all college transcripts (official copies are required)
- ✓Complete the questionnaire included with this announcement.

### Salary & Relocation Expenses:

- Salary commensurate with number of hours completed by the end of the 2006 fall semester in an appropriate technical major.
- Sandia will pay relocation expenses (mileage and per diem or round-trip airfare) for a school site 50 miles from Albuquerque, NM.



**Questionnaire**

First, Middle & Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Address & Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Permanent Address & Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Federally Recognized Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Month & Year of HS Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Expected College Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

College/University Currently Attending & Expected Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Major Expected/Declared \_\_\_\_\_ Minor Expected/Declared \_\_\_\_\_

Earliest date to begin the internship? \_\_\_\_\_ Date to complete the internship? \_\_\_\_\_

Certification of minimum GPA & minimum age eligibility requirement: initial \_\_\_\_\_  
 • My cumulative GPA for all completed coursework is 3.2 or higher  
 • I will be 18 years of age or older at the time of the appointment

Indicate (✓) your proficiency in the following areas (1 = no experience, 5 = proficient)

Computer Skills	1	2	3	4	5
Spreadsheets (EXCEL)					
Word Processing (WORD)					
Presentations (PowerPoint)					
Databases (ACCESS)					

Please answer each of the following questions in essay form using no more than 250 words per question.

1. Discuss any special skills you would like to exercise or develop during your Sandia appointment.
2. What are the areas of interest and what types of activities would you like to be involved with?
3. The unique experiences and cultural backgrounds of the participating students influence the quality of Sandia. What values and attributes do you think you would bring to the program?
4. At this point in your education, what will be your chosen profession and how will this experience benefit your community or other indigenous communities?
5. Describe a frustrating project on which you worked and how you dealt with the challenges it presented.

Apply to:  
 Sandra K. Begay-Campbell  
 Sandia National Laboratories  
 1515 Eubank SE, MS 1110, Building 6585, Room 1905  
 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87123  
 Telephone: (505) 844-5418 Facsimile: (505) 844-6541 [skbegay@sandia.gov](mailto:skbegay@sandia.gov)

## Community Health Department Events

**Snowsnake workshops:**  
January 14 and January 28.

**Snowsnake Tournament:**  
February 10.

**Women's Quilt Making classes:**  
January 6, January 17,

January 31, February 21 and March 3.

Call the Community Health Department at 231-242-1601 for more information.

## LTBB ID CARDS

If you live out of state and would like a picture identification card, send us a recent picture of yourself and your signature on white paper with no lines. Please include your date of birth or enrollment number so we can identify you. The identification cards are used at the Biindigen Gas Station for a discount on gas and other products.

The identification cards are also used for secondary proof of identification when applying for a Michigan Driver's license.

If you have any questions, please give us a call.

Enrollment Assistant Linda Gokee 231-242-1521

Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton 231-242-1520

## WAGANAKISING MARTIAL ARTS CLUB UPDATE

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



ON DECEMBER 2 AT NATIVE WAY II GYM IN HARBOR SPRINGS, MI, 12 MEMBERS OF THE WAGANAKISING MARTIAL ARTS CLUB TESTED AND ADVANCED.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ON THEIR PROMOTIONS:  
**BILL DENEMY, JR.:** BROWN-BLACK BELT.  
**REGINA BRUBACKER:** RED-BLACK BELT.  
**KATHY MCGRAW:** RED-BLACK BELT.  
**TAYLOR FISHER:** RED-BLACK BELT.  
**ALEX FISHER:** RED-BLACK BELT.  
**JARED WILLIS:** RED-BLACK BELT.  
**DEREK WILLIS:** RED-BLACK BELT.  
**SEAN MILLER:** BROWN BELT.  
**MIKAYLA MILLER:** BROWN BELT.  
**ERIC KELLER:** RED BELT.  
**BRITTANY BENTLEY:** RED BELT.  
**NICOLE LAUGHLIN:** PURPLE BELT.  
 Health Educator Regina Brubacker contributed to this article.

## NORTHERN CELLULAR & PAGING

Is offering special discounts to LTBB Citizens and Employees

- Up to 15% OFF CELLULAR ONE Monthly Access Charges
- Discounted Phone Prices
- 25% OFF Accessories
- GSM Statewide and National Plans available
- \$9.99 Partners on Select Plans
- Most plans include free long distance, unlimited nights & weekends and free mobile-to-mobile calling plus call waiting, caller ID and voicemail
- Unlimited smart phone and wireless Internet services available

*(Certain terms and conditions apply)*

**For more information, contact Sheldon Slicker at Cellular 231-620-1260 Toll Free 1-800-366-9166**

### CELLULAR ONE - AHAD Request Form

For LTBB Employees & Citizens  
(Account Hierarchy/Business Advantage Discount)

**Date Submitted:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Root Account:** LTBB Odawa Indians - ACCT # 0170110714 **Cycle:** 22

**Attached Accounts**

**ACCT#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cycle:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Liable**  **X**

*Your account number and cycle can be found in the upper right hand corner of your Cellular One billing statement. For example, if the billing date is May 22, 2006, your cycle is 22.*

**Requested by / Sales Representative:** Sheldon Slicker / Northern Cellular & Paging - N3

**Contact Number:** 231-620-1260

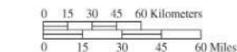
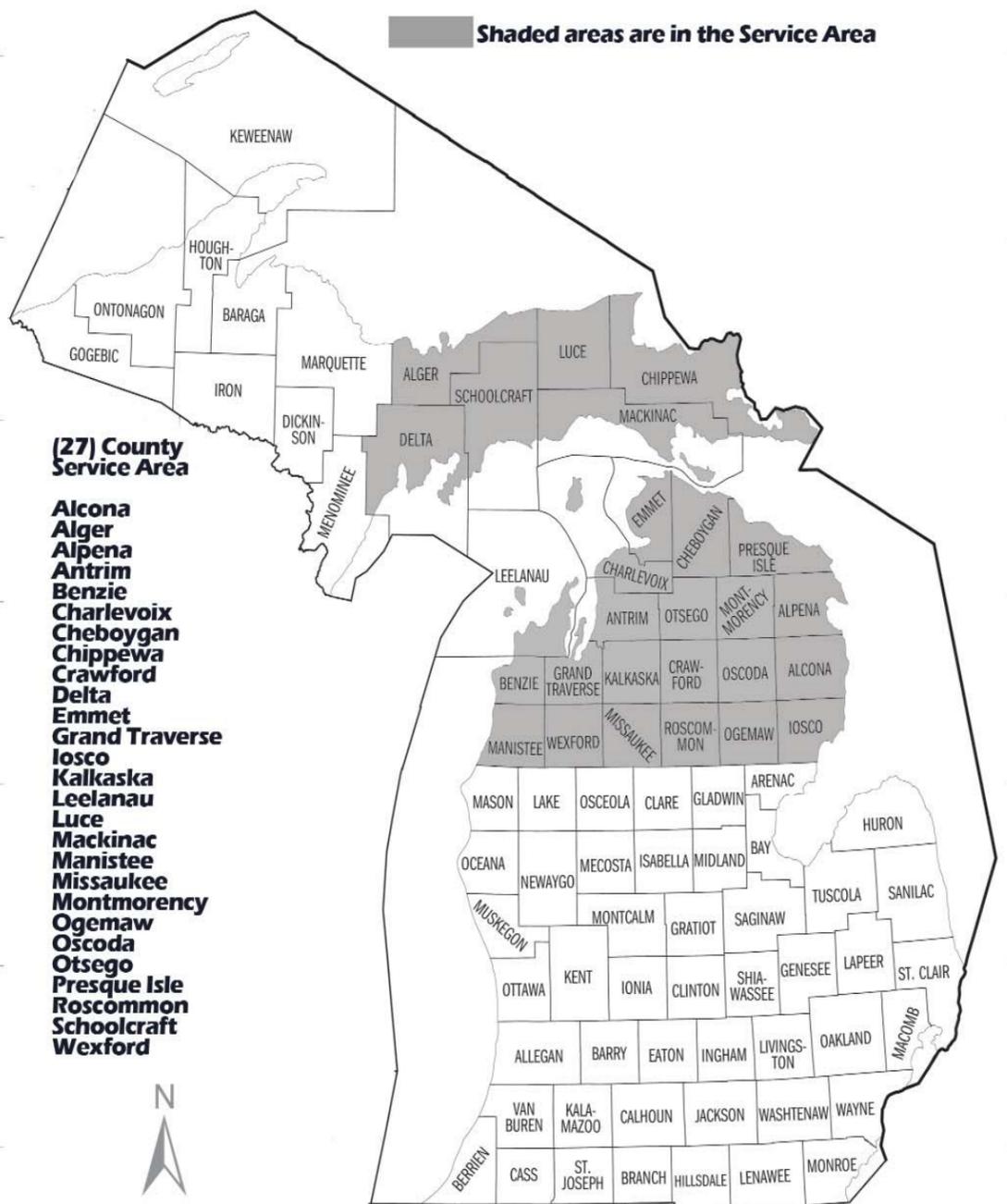
**Customer / Account Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Customer Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Customer Contact #:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(please include proof of employment)*  
Fax To 231-938-4949

## Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Service Area



Programs receiving funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and some Indian Health Services (IHS) are limited to serving members within a 27 county service area.

## Michigan United Tribal Youth Basketball League 2006 Awards Banquet

**Saturday**  
January 13, 2006  
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



**Players vs. Adults**

Bring a parent, aunt or uncle to challenge in a friendly game of basketball!!! (Coaches Welcome)



**Pot Luck**

Bring your favorite dish to pass.



**Hosted by:**  
LTBB

**Location:** Petoskey High School  
1500 Hill Petoskey, MI

Contact your local MUTYBL Representative or coach to sign up to play on a team.

**2007 PROJECTED ELECTION SCHEDULE**

JANUARY 10 NOTICE OF ELECTION MAILED  
 FEBRUARY 9 NOMINATION PETITIONS DUE BACK TO ELECTION BOARD  
 FEBRUARY 10 LAST DATE TO REGISTER FOR PRIMARY ELECTION  
 MARCH 27 LAST DATE TO WITHDRAW FROM ELECTION IN WRITING  
 LAST DATE TO REGISTER FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION  
 ELECTION BOARD FINALIZES THE PRIMARY BALLOT  
 MARCH 28 CANDIDATE INFORMATION MAILED TO REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY  
 APRIL 11 BALLOTS FOR PRIMARY ELECTION MAILED TO REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY  
 APRIL 21 PRIMARY ELECTION "MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM"

**FRIDAY MAY 11, PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**

MAY 25 PRIMARY ELECTION CERTIFIED AND GENERAL ELECTION  
 BALLOTS MAILED TO REGISTERED VOTERS ONLY  
 JUNE 9 GENERAL ELECTION "MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM"

**MONDAY JUNE 25, GENERAL ELECTION DAY**

JULY 10 GENERAL ELECTION CERTIFIED

**NEW TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL BE SWORN IN AT  
 THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING**

**HUNTING IS ALLOWED ON THE LISTED TRIBAL PROPERTIES  
 ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:**

**OPEN TO ALL HUNTING**

WAAWAASHKESH (DEER) WILD AREA: 80 ACRES  
 MURRAY RD. (OLD NRD OFFICE) 80 ACRES  
 ST. MARTINS ISLAND 47.8 ACRES  
 OSBORNE RD. EAST 40 ACRES  
 OSBORNE RD. WEST (SOUTH OF THE PINES) 30 ACRES  
 DRYER RD. 80 ACRES  
 SUSAN CREEK (PERMIT ONLY) 55 ACRES

**CLOSED TO ALL HUNTING EXCEPT  
 MIGRATORY BIRD (WATERFOWL)**

NINE MILE POINT LOT

**CLOSED TO ALL HUNTING EXCEPT BOW HUNTING**

TRIBAL HOUSING 80 ACRES

**CLOSED TO ALL HUNTING**

GOVERNMENTAL CENTER 97.6 ACRES  
 BEAVER ISLAND DOCK LOT  
 BIO-STATION (ALDRICH) LOT  
 ODAWA CASINO PROPERTY-CEMETERY RD. 100 ACRES  
 OSBORNE RD. WEST (POW WOW GROUNDS) 10 ACRES  
 VICTORIES CASINO (U.S. 131 SOUTH) 5.6 ACRES  
 VICTORIES CASINO OFFICE (SPRING ST.) LOT  
 VICTORIES HOTEL LOT  
 915 EMMET LOT  
 1345 U.S. 31 NORTH LOT

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE NATURAL RESOURCE OFFICE AT  
 231-242-1670

**Tribal Citizens**

**IF YOU MOVE, PLEASE CONTACT THE TRIBAL  
 ENROLLMENT OFFICE AND WE WILL SEND YOU AN  
 ADDRESS VERIFICATION FORM.**

**IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENT, GUARDIAN  
 OR CUSTODIAL PARENT TO COMPLETE AN ADDRESS VERIFI-  
 CATION FORM.**

**IF YOU ARE A CUSTODIAL PARENT, PLEASE PROVIDE  
 PROOF BY DOCUMENTATION.**

**ONCE A MINOR TURNS 18, YOU MUST CONTACT THE  
 ENROLLMENT OFFICE AND COMPLETE AN ADDRESS  
 VERIFICATION FORM OR WE WILL MARK YOU AS  
 UNDELIVERABLE.**

**IF YOU ARE INCARCERATED AND WOULD LIKE TO  
 CONTINUALLY RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER, YOU MUST KEEP  
 YOUR ADDRESS CURRENT.**

**TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR, WE WILL NOTIFY YOU  
 FOR PURPOSES OF THE PER CAPITA PAYMENT.**

**ADULT VERIFICATION FORM MUST BE WITNESSED.**

**MINOR VERIFICATION FORM MUST BE NOTARIZED.**

**CONTACT ENROLLMENT ASSISTANT LINDA GOKEE AT  
 231-242-1521 OR ENROLLMENT OFFICER PAULINE  
 BOULTON AT 231-242-1520.**

**Tax**

**Agreement  
 Reminder**

When moving into the LTBB Tax Agreement Area, in order to become a Resident Tribal Member, you must change your address in writing at the Enrollment Department located in the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. Your RTM status will take effect on the first day of the following month in which you moved.

**On the Pow Wow Trail**

Compiled by Tina Sutton



**Michigan**

February 10-11  
 24th Annual MSU Pow Wow of Love  
 Jenison Fieldhouse on the MSU campus  
 East Lansing, MI  
 Contact Information:  
 NAISO at 517-432-7153

February 16-18  
 Cabin Fever Traditional Pow Wow  
 22525 Ecorse Road  
 Taylor, MI  
 Contact Information:  
 Donna, April or Carol at 313-271-5443

**Minnesota**

January 12  
 St. Paul Public Schools Indian Education Traditional  
 Pow Wow  
 Battle Creek Middle School  
 2121 North Park Drive  
 St. Paul, MN  
 Free and open to the public.  
 Contact Information:  
 651-293-5191  
 www.indianeducation.spps.org

February 3  
 Spirit of the Earth Traditional Pow Wow  
 Centennial High School  
 Circle Pines, MN  
 Contact Information:  
 763-783-7362

February 9  
 St. Paul Public Schools Indian Education Traditional  
 Pow Wow  
 The American Indian Magnet  
 1075 E. Third St.  
 St. Paul, MN  
 Directions: 94 East to Mounds Blvd. (left exit), right to  
 Third St. and left to Earl St.  
 Free and open to the public.  
 Contact Information:  
 651-293-5191  
 www.indianeducation.spps.org

February 17-19  
 Mid Winter Pow Wow  
 Elementary School gym  
 Nett Lake, MN  
 Contact Information:  
 218-757-3261  
 bf\_powwow@yahoo.com  
 www.powwowtime.bravehost.com

February 17-19  
 Eighth Cherish the Children Pow Wow  
 Central High School gym located at Marshall and Lex-  
 ington.  
 St. Paul, MN  
 Contact Information:  
 651-227-4184, ext. 15  
 shawneehunt@aindahyung.com  
 www.aindahyung.com

**Child Passenger Safety  
 Seats Available**



- Convertible Car Seats
- High Back Booster Seats
- Low Back Booster Car Seats

**Mskiki Gumik Health Park**  
 Contact person:  
**Tina Shawano, MCH RN,**  
 Certified CPS Technician  
 231-242-1614

**Governmental Center**  
 Contact person:  
**Breanna Thompson**  
 231-242-1506  
 Certified CPS Technicians  
**Dawn Parky**  
**Officer Guenthardt**  
**Sergeant Givens**

**IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION**

**YOU MUST REGISTER TO VOTE FOR THE  
 2007 TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.**

**TO CHECK IF YOU ARE REGISTERED OR IF YOU  
 WOULD LIKE THE FORMS TO REGISTER, CALL  
 DENISE PETOSKEY AT 231-881-2994  
 OR CAROL QUINONES AT 616-774-9534.**

**Victories Casino and Hotel Human Resources wishes the happiest  
 holidays and the very best New Year to all!**

# JANUARY

Sunday (Name-Giizhigat)	Monday (Ntam-Nokii Giizhigat)	Tuesday (Niizho-Giizhigat)	Wednesday (Nso-Giizhigat)	Thursday (Niwo-Giizhigat)	Friday (Naano-Giizhigat)	Saturday (Nwebi-Giizhigat)
	<b>New Year's Day</b> LTBB Governmental Offices Closed.	<b>LTBB Governmental Offices Closed.</b>	<b>Elders Swim Class</b> Victories Hotel Pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. <b>Language Class</b> Mshkikigamnik 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.	<b>Elders Luncheon at noon</b> <b>Tae Kwon Do classes</b> Native Way II gym Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. <b>Anishnaabemowin Eta w Kikaajik</b> Room 312 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	<b>Election Board Meeting</b> 1345 U.S. 31 North Petoskey, MI 6 p.m.	<b>ICWA Meeting</b> 915 Emmet Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m.
<b>Economic Development Commission Work Session</b> LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 9:30 a.m.	<b>Elders Swim Class</b> 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. <b>Language Class</b> Mshkikigamnik 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. <b>Housing Commission Meeting</b> 3:30 p.m. <b>Health Commission Meeting</b> 6:30 p.m.	<b>Elders Luncheon at noon</b> <b>Tae Kwon Do classes</b> Native Way II gym Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. <b>Anishnaabemowin Eta w Kikaajik</b> Room 312 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	<b>Elders Swim Class</b> Victories Hotel Pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. <b>Language Class</b> Mshkikigamnik 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.	<b>Elders Luncheon at noon</b> <b>Tae Kwon Do classes</b> Native Way II gym Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. <b>Immersion Class</b> Mshkikigamnik 3:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.	<b>Bay Mills Community College Pane Immersion</b>	<b>Tribal Council Work Session</b> Tribal Courtrroom LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
<b>Tribal Council Meeting</b> Tribal Courtrroom LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.	<b>Elders Swim Class</b> Victories Hotel Pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. <b>Citizenship Commission Meeting</b> Enrollment Commission Workroom 118 5 p.m. <b>Immersion Class</b> Mshkikigamnik 3:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.	<b>Elders Luncheon at noon</b> <b>Tae Kwon Do classes</b> Native Way II gym Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. <b>Anishnaabemowin Eta w Kikaajik</b> Room 312 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. <b>NCMC Language Class</b> Tech Building Room 230 6 p.m. - 9:50 p.m.	<b>Elders Swim Class</b> Victories Hotel Pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. <b>Language Class</b> Mshkikigamnik 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.	<b>Elders Luncheon at noon</b> <b>Tae Kwon Do classes</b> Native Way II gym Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. <b>Immersion Class</b> Mshkikigamnik 3:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.	<b>Education Commission Work Session</b> Education Department LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 6 p.m.	<b>Education Commission Meeting</b> Education Department LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 9 a.m.
<b>Gaming Regulatory Commission Meeting</b> 911 Spring St. Petoskey, MI 5:30 p.m.	<b>Elders Swim Class</b> Victories Hotel Pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. <b>Immersion Class</b> Mshkikigamnik 3:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m. <b>Election Board Meeting</b> 1345 U.S. 31 North Petoskey, MI 6 p.m.	<b>Elders Luncheon at noon</b> <b>Tae Kwon Do classes</b> Native Way II gym Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. <b>Anishnaabemowin Eta w Kikaajik</b> Room 312 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. <b>NCMC Language Class</b> Tech Building Room 230 6 p.m. - 9:50 p.m.	<b>Elders Swim Class</b> Victories Hotel Pool Petoskey, MI 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. <b>Language Class</b> Mshkikigamnik 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.	<b>Elders Luncheon at noon</b> <b>Tae Kwon Do classes</b> Native Way II gym Beginner 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Advanced 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. <b>Immersion Class</b> Mshkikigamnik 3:30 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.	<b>Bay Mills Community College Pane Immersion</b>	<b>Tribal Council Work Session</b> Tribal Courtrroom LTBB Governmental Center Harbor Springs, MI 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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M I N D I O G I I Z I S

S P I R I T M O O N

# TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Tribal Council Meeting  
November 19, 2006  
Tribal Court Room 7500 Odawa Circle  
9:15 a.m. Smudging  
9:30 a.m.

Closed Session: no  
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:32 a.m.  
Council Present: Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Melvin L. Kiogima, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Rita Shananaquet, Councilor Mary Roberts, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.  
Absent: Treasurer Shirley Oldman

Executive Office Present: Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik, Rebecca Fisher-Executive Assistant.

Legal Staff Present: none

Staff Present: Michele LaCount-Legislative Office Manager.

Commission, Boards, and Committees: none

Guests: Theresa Boda, Ron Boda, Mary Schneider, Carol Quinones, Gary Shomin, Janet Shomin

Opening Ceremony: Melvin L. Kiogima

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Roberts to adopt the agenda for November 19, 2006, as presented.  
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Treasurer Oldman)  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to approve the minutes for November 5, 2006 as corrected.  
Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Treasurer Oldman)  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution # 111906-02 Appropriation of Additional Funds for 2006 Per Capita Distribution Budget by \$83,500. Funding to come from prior period funds.  
Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-absent, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes  
Motion Carried

lowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-absent, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution # 111906-04 Donate \$5000.00 to Anishnaabek Egnomunjik Ewaaweyyak (NMC Native Student Group) for attendance at the 2007 Anishnaabemowin Teg Conference. Funding to come from the cultural line item.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-no, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-absent, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution # 111906-05 to appropriate \$20,000 in Funds FY2006 for Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Winter Solstice Children's Party. Funding to come from prior period funds.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-absent, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes  
Motion Carried

10:32 a.m. Recess called.  
10:44 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution #111906-01 Appropriating \$85,000 in Additional Funding to the Tribal Council 1101-0-00 FY 2007 Budget from Prior Period Funds.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-no, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-absent, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Shananaquet to adopt Tribal Council Resolution # 111906-03 The Tribal Chairperson agreeing to accept an appointment by the Governor of the State of Michigan to a subordinate committee position

under the  
Governor is in direct conflict with the Constitution of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-no, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-no, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-no, Councilor Yellowbank-no, Treasurer Oldman-absent, Secretary Kiogima-no, Legislative Leader Law-no  
Motion Failed

11:45 a.m. Public Comment opened: Kevin Keller, Michele LaCount  
11:50 a.m. Public Comment closed.

12:10 p.m. Lunch recess called until 1:40 p.m.

1:48 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to remove "suspend or" from the second sentence of the Gaming Regulatory Commission Regulations, Section 4 Licenses Part J Employment of unlicensed persons prohibited.  
Vote: 6 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Shananaquet), 1 - Abstained (Councilor Roberts), 1 - Absent (Treasurer Oldman)  
Motion Carried

2:57 p.m. Recess called.  
3:00 p.m. Secretary Kiogima leaves.  
3:08 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Harrington to accept the Legislative Leader's written and verbal report given by Beatrice Law for November 19, 2006.  
Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Oldman, Secretary Kiogima)  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Harrington to accept the Tribal Treasurer verbal and written report given by Councilor Yellowbank and Councilor Shananaquet for November 19, 2006.  
Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Oldman, Secretary Kiogima)  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Roberts to postpone action on the Legislative Procedures Act, the Marriage Statute, and the

## TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2007

January 13 Work Session  
January 14 Council Meeting  
January 27 Work Session  
January 28 Council Meeting

February 10 Work Session  
February 11 Council Meeting  
February 24 Work Session  
February 25 Council Meeting

ALL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS ARE HELD IN THE TRIBAL COURTROOM LOCATED AT 7500 ODAWA CIRCLE, HARBOR SPRINGS, MI.

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MARY ROBERTS, COUNCILOR  
RITA SHANANAQUET, COUNCILOR  
ALICE YELLOWBANK, COUNCILOR  
DEXTER MCNAMARA, COUNCILOR

Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Act, and move them to a work session for December 2, 2006.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Oldman, Secretary Kiogima)  
Motion Carried

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Shananaquet for Tribal Council attendance at the Saginaw Chippewa Summit Meeting with United Tribes in November 2006.  
Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Oldman, Secretary Kiogima)  
Motion Carried

4:00 p.m. Public Comment opened: Janet Shomin  
4:04 p.m. Public Comment closed.

4:05 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Harrington to adjourn.  
Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent (Treasurer Oldman, Secretary Kiogima)  
Motion Carried

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:  
Approved:  
Melvin L. Kiogima, Tribal Council Secretary Date

# TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

<p>The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Meeting December 03, 2006 Tribal Court Room 7500 Odawa Circle 9:15 a.m. Smudging 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>9:50 a.m. Recess called. 9:53 a.m. Meeting reconvened.  11:26 a.m. Recess called. 11:37 a.m. Meeting reconvened.</p>	<p>Yellowbank and supported by Councilor McNamara to adopt Tribal Resolution # 120306-04: Support for Havasupai Tribe of Arizona in its efforts to protect against unauthorized genetic research on its members in the amount of \$2000.00 to come from prior period funds.</p>	<p>Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Roberts to adopt Tribal Resolution # 120306-02: United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs Authorization for P.L. 93-638 Contract.</p>	<p>Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes Motion carried.</p>
<p>Closed Session: no Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:27 a.m. Council Present: Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Melvin L. Kiogima, Treasurer Shirley Oldman, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Alice Yellowbank, Councilor Mary Roberts, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr. Absent: Councilor Rita Shananaquet</p>	<p>11:46 a.m. Public Comment opened: none 11:47 a.m. Public Comment closed.  12:02 p.m. Lunch recess called until 1:40 p.m. 1:31 p.m. Meeting reconvened.</p>	<p>Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes Motion carried.</p>	<p>Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes Motion carried.</p>	<p>Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution # 120306-07: Approval of Gaming Board of Directors Budget. Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-abstained, Councilor Shananaquet-absent,</p>
<p>Executive Office Present: Rebecca Fisher, Executive Assistant</p> <p>Legal Staff Present: Jim Bransky, Legal Counsel</p>	<p>Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr. and supported by Councilor Roberts to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute (WOS) Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Act. Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes. Motion carried.</p>	<p>Motion made by Councilor Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Roberts to adopt Tribal Resolution # 120306-06: Approval of Budget Modification to Executive Branch Budget for United Tribes Payment in the sum of \$2000.00 to come from prior period funds. Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes Motion carried.</p>	<p>Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution # 120306-03: Request for Funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, FY 2007 Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians FY 2007 Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Project. Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes Motion carried.</p>	<p>Councilor Yellowbank-abstained, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-abstained, Treasurer Oldman-abstained, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes Motion carried.</p>
<p>Staff Present: Michael Smith-Legislative Office Administrative Assistant</p>	<p>Motion made by Councilor Harrington, Jr. and supported by Treasurer Oldman to pass WOS Tribal Elections and Election Board. Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes Motion carried.</p>	<p>Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution #120306-01: 2007 Liquor Licenses for Biindigen and Victories Casino and Hotel. Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-abstained, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-no, Treasurer Oldman-abstained, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes Motion carried.</p>	<p>Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor McNamara to adopt Tribal Resolution # 120306-05: Request for Funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice Fiscal Year 2007 Tribal Courts Assistance Program, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians FY 2007 Tribal Court Assistance Project. Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes,</p>	<p>Motion made by Treasurer Oldman to approve Executive Division Budget Policy. Motion dies for lack of support.</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Public Comment opened: none 4:00 p.m. Public Comment closed.</p>
<p>Commission, Boards, and Committees: none</p> <p>Guests: James A. Fisher, Denise Petoskey</p>	<p>Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to postpone the Marriage Statute until the next Tribal Council Meeting. Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet) Motion carried.</p>	<p>Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adopt Tribal Resolution #120306-01: 2007 Liquor Licenses for Biindigen and Victories Casino and Hotel. Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-abstained, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Councilor Yellowbank-no, Treasurer Oldman-abstained, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes Motion carried.</p>	<p>Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and supported by Councilor McNamara to adopt Tribal Resolution # 120306-05: Request for Funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice Fiscal Year 2007 Tribal Courts Assistance Program, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians FY 2007 Tribal Court Assistance Project. Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes,</p>	<p>Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Treasurer Oldman to accept the Executive's written report for December 3, 2006, with confidential information. Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet) Motion carried.</p>
<p>Opening Ceremony: Shirley Oldman</p> <p>Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Roberts to adopt the Agenda for December 3, 2006, as amended. Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet) Motion carried.</p>	<p>Motion made by Councilor</p>	<p>Motion made by Councilor</p>	<p>Motion made by Councilor</p>	<p>4:13 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Roberts and supported by Treasurer Oldman to adjourn. Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet) Motion carried.</p>
<p>Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and supported by Councilor Gasco Bentley to approve the minutes of November 19, 2006, as corrected. Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Shananaquet) Motion carried.</p>	<p>Motion made by Councilor</p>	<p>Motion made by Councilor</p>	<p>Motion made by Councilor</p>	<p>These Minutes have been read and approved as written:  Approved: Melvin L. Kiogima, Tribal Council Secretary</p>

# LINES FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP...

## Birthdays

Happy birthday to **Mason Scott Wood** on January 28. From the Perry family.

Happy birthday to **Bernadece Kiogima** on January 22. From Mel, Mshkoadekwe, Joy and McKenzie.



Happy first birthday to **Satori Ngwaagan** (Enlightening Rainbow) with hugs and kisses from Mom and Little Sunnese.

Happy birthday to **Rosanne Givens** on January 19. Love, your daughter Tricia Kilpatrick.

Happy birthday to our nephew, **Duane (Naaners) Dove**, on January 12. Thanks for all you do! Have a safe and fun day. We love you. Aunt Michele and Uncle Greg.

MnoDibishkaak kikaajik **Glenna Kimball** miinwa misenhan **Margaret "Mickey" Ortner**. MnoDibishkaak nwiikaane'ak **Robert Yellowbank Jr. & Carter McFall**. Gzaagigo!

Happy birthday to **Kim DeLorme** on January 18. Love, your family.

Happy birthday to **Jill Bear** on January 20. Love, your family.



Wishing a happy 21st birthday to **Justin Reyes Gavin** on January 31. Look how much you've grown! Thank you for being my son. I love you. Love, Mom.

**Michael Sutton** celebrates his birthday on January 6! May you have many more! Love, your sister.

Happy birthday to my grandmother, **Irene Petoskey**, who celebrates on January 8. Love, Tina.

Ain't it nifty! My aunt, **Regina Bentley**, celebrates her birthday on January 21! Love, Tina.

On January 31, **Justy Wusty** celebrates his 21st birthday!!!! Hope you have a good one! From your Big Sis Teeny Wheezy.

Happy birthday to **Vicki Olson** on January 25. From Denise Petoskey and Garcia Medicine.

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Happy birthday to **Vicki Olson** who celebrates her big day on January 25. I won't give away your age. Love, your Lil Sis.

Happy belated first birthday to **Sartori King-Shomin**.

Happy belated seventh birthday to **Maaniinh Fonseca**. With lots of love, Mom and Pie.

## Miigwech

Miigwech to everyone who donated time to and items for the Thanksgiving dinner on November 23 at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. Approximately 80 dinners were served. It was sponsored by the LTBB Human Services Department. The Human Services Department hopes to sponsor a Thanksgiving dinner again in 2007.

Thank you tribal citizens for joining Victories Casino and Hotel Human Resources in Grand Rapids, MI, on November 17. It was great to meet each and every one of you. We will do whatever we can to bring you all home to Petoskey, MI, and to the surrounding areas. Thank you to the tribal citizens who came to visit at the Michigan State University Hospitality Industry's Career night on the East Lansing, MI, campus. It was a pleasure to see the talent first-hand and to meet and greet those tribal citizens downstate. We appreciate you taking the time out of your busy day to meet us. Please stay in touch with us here in Human Resources, so we can continue to serve you.

Please be sure to check our website at [www.victories-casino.com](http://www.victories-casino.com) daily so you can apply for a position when one that interests you is posted. You can reach us at 231-439-5380.

Miigwech to the Victories Hotel Staff, Victories Casino and Hotel Marketing Department and Victories Casino and Hotel General Manager Barry Milligan for hosting an Elders Christmas Luncheon on December 5 at Victories Hotel in Petoskey, MI. From the LTBB Elders Association.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Shaylee Smith**, a nine-year-old fourth-grader at Inverness Elementary School in Cheboygan, MI, for making the honor roll. Smith also finished first in a NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition. She is the daughter of Chuck and Janelle Smith of Cheboygan, and she is the granddaughter of Betty DeLorme of Pellston, MI.

## Congratulations

Congratulations and welcome home! What an exciting time for one of our tribal citizens! **Blayne Bott** has returned to our homelands after eight years of collegiate studies. Those studies began in Ferris State University and ended in graduation from Eastern Michigan University. He earned his Bachelor of Art degree with a double major in Education and History. While in college, he had numerous appointments to the Dean's list. Having worked during his off time at Victories Casino and Hotel, he earned six years experience in our largest tribal enterprise. Now, this alone would seem to keep one busy, but he also met his true love, Sara, while away. Last May, they became forever one. Recognizing opportunity, Blayne and Sara decided to move to Petoskey, MI, and pursue their dreams. Little did they know, but another little dream was traveling right along with them. They are expecting the joyous delivery in April. Congratulations Blayne. We love you and Sara with all our hearts. Welcome home! Love, Mom, Dad, Barry and Alicia.

Congratulations to **Darron Munson**, a senior wide receiver and defensive back for Charlevoix High School in Charlevoix, MI, for earning first team Class C All-State honors, All-Lake Michigan Conference honors and *Petoskey News-Review* 2006 All-Area Football Team honors. As a wide receiver, he caught 51 passes for 712 yards. He scored 10 touchdowns, two coming on kick returns. As a defensive back, Munson recorded nine interceptions. Munson helped the Rayders to their best season in almost three decades as Charlevoix finished 8-2 overall and 6-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference. Charlevoix made its fourth appearance in the state playoffs this past season.

Congratulations to **Carter McFall, Jr.** and **Miranda "Randi" McFall** of East Jordan, MI, for having successful fall sports seasons. Carter, a senior at East Jordan High School, averaged 12 tackles a game this past season while playing for the varsity football team. He earned All-Conference honors, he earned *Petoskey News-Review* 2006 Honorable Mention All-Area Football Team honors, and he was named his team's top defensive player. He is currently playing varsity basketball. After high school, he plans on attending Grand State Valley University to play football. Miranda, a sophomore at East Jordan High

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## Congratulations

School, played on the junior varsity basketball team this past season, and she was voted most improved player. She is currently playing volleyball. As a freshman last year, she was the junior varsity softball team's top pitcher. She was called up to the varsity softball team last season, and she pitched in districts. Every other weekend, Miranda travels to Wixom, MI, for instruction from the Doug Gillis Pitching Academy. The Doug Gillis Pitching Academy is a USA Softball Elite Training Facility. Your family is very proud of you and your accomplishments.

Victories Casino and Hotel congratulates **Paul Eames**, a LTBB Team Member, who was recently promoted from a Table Games Floorperson to the position of Shift Manager. He is a participant in the ABEL (Acquisition, Branding, Education and Leadership) Career Development Program and has been enthusiastically involved in career development activities. The purpose of the ABEL Program is to increase the knowledge, skills and abilities of LTBB Tribal Citizens and Team Members by providing individual, professional and career development and advancement opportunities. The Victories ABEL Career Development Program provides a framework for the organization to have a career development system with clear guidelines, processes, and competency requirements for the acquisition, training, development, maintenance and advancement of Team Members in all positions within the organization to promote:

- Team Members with upgraded skills, working to their full potential and equipped to deal with the changing demands of the workplace.
- Team Members with higher morale, career satisfaction, creativity, and motivation.
- Increased productivity and responsiveness in meeting departmental and organizational objectives.
- Increased retention and reduced turnover.

## Walking on...

**Harry J. Sprague, 60** Harry J. Sprague, 60, of Friendship Township, MI, walked on November 20 at his home. He was born May 27, 1946, in Friendship Township, to Clyde and Rose (King) Sprague. He attended Harbor Springs (Michigan) schools, and he graduated from Harbor Springs High School. He was a veteran of the United States Army, and he served in Germany. He married the former Margaret

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## Walking on...

Winter, and they later separated. He was a licensed journeyman plumber, and he had worked for several area plumbing contractors. He enjoyed cribbage, going to the casino, and he was an avid golfer. He was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. He is survived by two brothers, Douglas (Merilee) Sprague and Al (Betty) Sprague, all of Harbor Springs, and nieces and nephews.

## Edna M. Miller, 84

Edna M. Miller, 84, of Charlevoix, MI, walked on November 21 at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix. She was born in Charlevoix on July 4, 1922, to Emerson and Lillian (Engstrom) Hull. On December 12, 1941, she married Robert D. Miller in Charlevoix, and he preceded her in death in 1977. She was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. She was a member of St. Mary's Church, the St. Mary's Altar Society, and the American Legion Leslie T. Shapton Post No. 226 Auxiliary. She served on the Bergmann Center board of directors for 28 years, and the city of Charlevoix Election Board for more than 40 years. She volunteered for the Michigan Special Olympics through her association with the Telephone Pioneers of America, and was a Rainbow Shoppe volunteer. She was a long-time employee and friend of Birdie's Beauty Shop, and enjoyed playing bingo. She is survived by her daughter, Vicki L. (Chip) Emery of Charlevoix and Minneapolis, MN; son, Richard Miller; grandchildren, Sandra (Baxter) Robertson of Redwood City, CA, Michelle Scorsone and Melissa Garner, both of Pittsburgh, PA; Jared (Lauren) Emery of Broomfield, CO, Steve Young of Grand Rapids, MI, and Richard Miller; great-grandchildren, Corey and Kyle Garner, Jamey Carter, Anthony, Christopher and Robert Scorsone, Marguerite Mae Robertson, Lillian Nicole Emery, Evan Young, Sarah and Lindsey Winkle. Her sisters, Marguerite McKay and EmerJean Koboski-Christy, and her brother, Richard Hull, preceded her in death.

## Help Wanted

We have jobs! Victories Casino and Hotel seeks a Marketing Director and table games dealers. For information on all Victories Casino and Hotel job openings, call Human Resources at 231-439-5380 or visit our website at [www.victories-casino.com](http://www.victories-casino.com).

# TRIBAL ELDERS VISIT ODAWA CASINO RESORT CONSTRUCTION SITE

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



Photo by Annette VanDeCar on November 30, 2006.



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A group of Tribal Elders visited the Odawa Casino Resort construction site in Petoskey, MI, on November 30. Victories Casino and Hotel shuttles transported the Elders to the site after they ate at the Elders Luncheon held at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. The Elders posed for a group shot before receiving a tour inside.

# ODAWA CASINO RESORT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator



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On December 15, Communications Assistant Aaron Otto and I returned to the Odawa Casino Resort construction site in Petoskey, MI, to take updated photos. Similar to our previous trips to the construction site, we were escorted by Victories Casino and Hotel Facilities Director Barry Laughlin. We will return every month to take updated photos to share with the tribal community until the Odawa Casino Resort project is completed.